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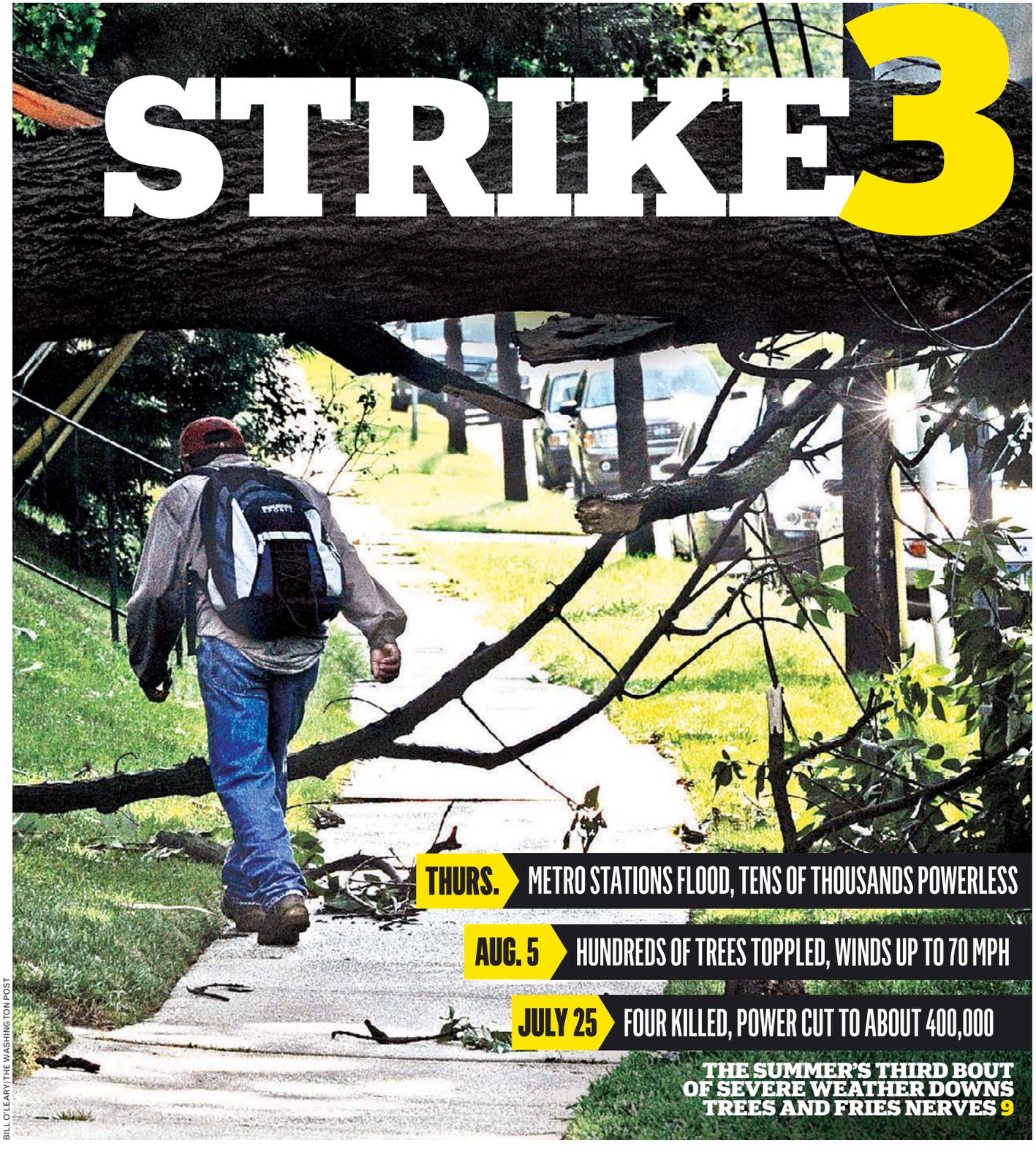

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Snowmageddon Effect Keenly Felt by One Family

Four sisters from one family have each given birth within four days. That's four sisters, four babies, four days. The same obstetrician delivered the babies of three of the sisters in the same suburban Chicago hospital on Friday and Saturday. A fourth sister, Heidi Lopez, gave birth on Monday in California. Family members said the women didn't plan the timing. **(AP)**

A Spectacle-ular Failure

A Bismarck, N.D., inmate ate most of another suspect's glasses when frustrated that he couldn't see the chaplain. The man swallowed both lenses and a piece of the metal frame. He had been booked on an aggravated assault charge just five hours earlier. The inmate was taken to a hospital emergency room but was returned to jail after doctors determined he was OK. The glasses were worth $250. **(AP)**

Senior Citizen Gets Medicare, Farm Subsidies

A pea sprout was found growing in the lung of a 75-year-old Massachusetts man. Doctors feared cancer when they saw a spot on Ron Sveden's X-rays, but two biopsies came back negative. Feeding a scope down Sveden's throat, a doctor discovered the sprout. Sveden apparently inhaled a pea, which then took root in his lung. **(AP)**

The Big Picture

OLI SCARFF/GETTY IMAGES

WORKMEN GIVE Big Ben (or, rather, the tower that houses it — "Big Ben" is the name of the bell, not the clock) a checkup on Thursday, rappelling down St. Stephen's Tower looking for damage. They inspected all four faces of the clock, wearing ear protectors for when the bell chimed. **(EXPRESS)**

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Rod Blagojevich faces 24 counts.

Blagojevich Jurors Largely In Stalemate

Chicago

Jurors in the corruption trial of former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich said Thursday that they have reached agreement on just two of 24 counts against him, and haven't even begun discussing 11 of the counts. The judge quickly said he would tell them to go back and deliberate more.

The exchange once again left the courtroom in a state of uncertainty, with lawyers and legal experts saying there is no way to know for sure how long the deliberations may go on — but some saying the apparent deadlocks on some counts were a good sign for Blagojevich and his co-defendant brother, Robert.

The jurors did not say which two of the 24 counts they had agreed on, nor what their decision was. **(AP)**

Police: Serial Stabber in Custody

Israeli man accused in 18 attacks nabbed in Atlanta airport

Atlanta

Elias Abuelazam was about to board a plane for Israel when police arrested him Thursday in connection with a three-month stabbing spree that left five men dead, 13 others wounded and a Michigan city in terror. In the moments before the bald, pudgy man in flip-flops and shorts was handcuffed, passengers saw him nervously talking on his cell phone, insisting he wasn't violent.

The Israeli citizen and legal U.S. resident is charged in just one case out of Flint, Mich., the battered industrial city where most of the stabbings occurred, but authorities said more charges are expected there and in Ohio and Virginia. At least 15 of the 18 victims were black but it was unclear whether the attacks were racially motivated.

Flint residents hope the arrest ends their summer of fear. Roughly every four days since late May, the killer approached men on lonely roads at night, asking for directions or help with a broken-down car. Then he'd pull out a knife, plunge it into his victim and speed away; in one case he used a hammer. The youngest victim was 15; the oldest 67.

AP

Elias Abuelazam is accused in a three-month stabbing spree across three states.

Abuelazam, 33, was arrested at a boarding gate at Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport shortly before his plane was to take off. Officers seized him after he was paged over the intercom and told to report at a ticket counter.

Abuelazam's mother, Iyam al-Azzam, told Israel Radio that she talked to her son by phone before he was supposed to board "and he sounded the same as usual, quiet and calm."

She said she was getting ready to pick her son up at the airport when relatives told her he had been arrested. "I do not believe these charges are true," she said. "Elias, my son, is a religious, God-fearing man who always assists anyone who needs help." **COREY WILLIAMS AND GREG BLUESTEIN (AP)**

A Narrow Escape

Police in Arlington, Va., said Elias Abuelazam was arrested there during a routine traffic stop last week for failure to obey a highway sign. There, police found a knife in the driver's side door and a hammer on the floor of Abuelazam's 1996 green and gold green and gold Chevrolet Blazer. A hammer was used in one attack in Virginia, on a 19-year-old man in a parking lot. Arlington Detective Crystal L. Nosal said police realized he was wanted on a simple assault warrant in Leesburg, but a magistrate released him on personal recognizance, meaning he was responsible for returning to court. **(AP)**

HAZARDS

Poultry is still the leading culprit in food poisoning outbreaks, health officials said Thursday. Chicken, turkey and other poultry accounted for 17 percent of the food-borne illness outbreaks reported to the government. Beef and leafy vegetables were close behind, at 16 percent and 14 percent. The Centers for Disease Control closely tracks food-borne illnesses in 10 states to watch for food poisoning trends. **(AP)**

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Nation

GM CEO to Hit the Road

Amid huge profits, auto company readies for new leadership

Detroit

General Motors Co. chief Ed Whitacre said Thursday he's stepping down as CEO on Sept. 1, his mission accomplished as the company reported its second-straight quarterly profit.

Whitacre, 68, will be replaced by GM board member Daniel Akerson. Like Whitacre, Akerson has a background of leading telecommunications companies.

Akerson, 61, will be GM's fourth CEO in 18 months when he takes over the job. He could be the executive who takes GM public again if an expected public offering takes place later this year.

In a conference call with analysts and media, Whitacre said the board was aware of his plans the day he accepted the CEO job, and he predicted a smooth transition. He didn't directly address a question about whether executives with automotive experience were considered for the job. He said Akerson has learned the auto business in his year on the board.

Whitacre

"Dan has been involved every step of the way," Whitacre said. "He knows this business from a board perspective and also from personal conversations. So, I think he's absolutely the right choice."

Bob Lutz, a former vice chairman of GM who retired earlier this year, said in an e-mail that Akerson doesn't need auto experience to run GM because it has a solid management team of industry experts. But he does need to listen to that team, Lutz said.

"If he can bring himself to trust his now-outstanding senior executive group and lead rather than direct, I think he'll do an outstanding job," Lutz said.

DEE-ANN DURBIN AND TOM KRISHER (AP)

JUSTIN SULLIVAN/GETTY IMAGES

Vanessa Judicpa , left, and Maria Ydil cry as they wait in line Thursday to get a marriage license at San Francisco City Hall.

Judge: Gay Marriage Still on Hold

San Francisco

A federal judge put gay marriages on hold for at least another six days in California, disappointing dozens of gay couples who lined up outside City Hall hoping to tie the knot Thursday.

Judge Vaughn Walker gave opponents of same-sex weddings until Aug. 18 at 5 p.m. to get a ruling from the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on whether gay marriage should resume. Gay marriages could happen at that point or be put off indefinitely depending on how the court rules.

Walker struck down the state's voter-approved gay marriage ban last week in a case many believe is destined for the Supreme Court.

But he moved to suspend gay weddings until he could consider arguments from both sides on whether the marriages should be allowed during an appeal of his ruling. He now says gay marriage should resume, but he gave conservatives the extra time to get the appeals court to weigh in.

Lawyers for gay couples, California Gov. Schwarzenegger and Attorney General Jerry Brown filed legal motions Friday asking that same-sex marriages be allowed to resume immediately.

"I am pleased to see Judge Walker lift his stay and provide all Californians the liberties I believe everyone deserves," Schwarzenegger said after the ruling. PAUL ELIAS (AP)

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Trial Starts for Gitmo Prisoner

Prosecutors: Inmate took pride in slaying of American soldier

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

A Canadian former child soldier told jailers he comforted himself in his first days at Guantanamo by thinking about killing an American soldier, military prosecutors said Thursday in opening arguments at the war-crimes trial of the youngest inmate at the detention center.

Toronto-born Omar Khadr, who was 15 when he was captured in 2002, is accused of throwing a grenade that killed a Delta Force medic after a firefight in Afghanistan.

"Omar Khadr is a terrorist, trained by al-Qaeda to murder Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Speer," prosecutor Jeff Groharing told a jury of U.S. military officers inside a hilltop courthouse at this U.S. Navy base in southeast Cuba.

"He said when he first arrived at Guantanamo, thinking about killing an American would make him feel better," Groharing said.

"When asked what he was most proud of in his life, he said conducting the operations against the Americans."

Khadr denies throwing the grenade, and his lawyers argued that his purported confessions were extracted through mistreatment, including threats of rape.

In his opening statement, Army Lt. Col. Jon Jackson, a Pentagon-appointed defense attorney, said the teen was at the al-Qaeda compound at the time of the firefight because he was sent there by his father, an alleged terrorist financier with close ties to Osama bin Laden.

"He was there because his father told him to go there," Jackson said. "He was there because Ahmed Khadr hated his enemies more than he loved his son."

Khadr has pleaded not guilty to five charges including murder, spying and supporting terrorism. He faces a maximum life sentence at a trial expected to last roughly three or four weeks. **MIKE MELIA (AP)**

Case Delays

Omar Khadr's case has been delayed for years by legal wrangling and challenges to the system of war-crimes trials, known as military commissions, that was set up during the Bush administration and has been criticized by human rights groups for not including the same protections as federal courts or traditional courts-martial. President Obama overhauled the system to offer more protections to defendants and is considering using it to prosecute more prominent suspects. **(AP)**

WikiLeaks Set to Post 15K Files

London

WikiLeaks spokesman Julian Assange said Thursday his organization is preparing to release the rest of the secret Afghan war documents it has on file. The Pentagon warned that it would be even more damaging than the organization's initial release of about 76,000 war files.

That disclosure, which laid bare classified military documents covering the war in Afghanistan from 2004 to 2010, has angered U.S. officials, drawn the attention of the Taliban and energized critics of the NATO-led campaign.

The U.S. military has accused WikiLeaks of endangering the lives of soldiers and informants, and demanded that the group refrain from publishing more data.

Speaking via videolink, Assange said he had no intention of complying and would "absolutely" publish them. **(AP)**

Colombian President Calls Explosion a 'Terrorist Act'

WILLIAM FERNANDO MARTINEZ/AP

POLICE ANTI-EXPLOSIVE AGENTS walk next to a damaged public bus Thursday near the scene of a car bomb explosion outside the building of the Caracol Radio station in Bogota, Colombia. A car packed with at least 110 pounds of explosives blew up in an office district, shattering windows and injuring at least nine people, police said. No deaths were reported.

In Brief

K.M. CHAUDARY/AP

Pakistanis stretch to receive food provided by Pakistani soldiers Thursday.

SOHBATPUR, PAKISTAN

Pakistan Leaders Ask For International Help

A shipload of U.S. Marines and helicopters arrived to boost relief efforts in flooded Pakistan on Thursday, but the prime minister told The Associated Press his country needs more international help to cope with one of the worst natural disasters in its history. The United Nations warned the crisis was far from over. **(AP)**

NEW DELHI

India Sets Aug. Deadline For BlackBerry Info

India's Home Ministry threatened Thursday to block BlackBerry corporate e-mail and messaging services unless the device's manufacturer makes them accessible to its security agencies by Aug. 31. The ministry said that if no technical solution is provided by then, it will take steps to block the services from the country's mobile phone network. **(AP)**

MOSCOW

Smog Lifts in Russia

The skies were clear over Moscow Thursday, giving residents a desperately needed break from air pollution thanks to favorable winds and some success in fighting wildfires that have choked the capital with clouds of acrid smog. People walked through the streets without the masks that have become ubiquitous. **(AP)**

DRINKING

French scientists say that Champagne should be poured at an angle and not straight down. University of Reims researchers say pouring bubbly at a slant, as you would a beer, preserves more of the tiny gas bubbles that improve the drink's flavor and aromas. They note that the industry is researching a "new generation" of Champagne glasses specially designed to control the release of carbon dioxide, the gas that gives the drink its sparkle. **(AP)**

Local

The Lotteries

Thursday, Aug. 12

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	6-0-5
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	3-4-3
Mid-day DC 4	0-5-3-8
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	2-3-4-8
Mid-day D.C. Five	7-5-7-4-3
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	1-9-8-4-7
Daily 6 (Wed.)	9-20-27-28-31-32 (24)
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	5-10-11-15-32 (4)

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	2-9-9
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-6-7
Mid-day Pick 4	2-7-7-1
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	0-1-9-0
Match 5 (Wed.)	7-8-16-36-39 (33)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	14-17-30-31-39-41

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	7-2-1
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-2-3
Mid-day Pick 4	5-1-1-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	1-5-4-3
Mid-day Cash 5	8-19-20-25-34
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	3-10-19-31-33
Win For Life (Wed.)	10-24-30-36-38-39 (34)

Multi-State Games

Powerball	7-10-22-23-52 (29)
Power Play	2X

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Tensions Rising at Gallery Place

As more teens hang out at popular strip, police step up patrols

Washington

Tracey McBride, 16, and five other girls are hanging at their regular evening perch, on the steps of the National Portrait Gallery on Seventh Street NW, and the people-watching options are meager: parents herding small children, white-sneaker tourists, office workers on extended happy hour.

When a female passerby reaches around to tug on bunched-up panties, the girls on the steps let out a collective cry of, "We saw that!"

The banter is tame compared to what happens on many nights along the stretch of Seventh Street between Penn Quarter and Chinatown, near the Gallery Place shopping complex.

XIAOMEI CHEN/TWP

Diangelo Cogdell, 17, waits for a bus outside the Gallery Place Metro station Tuesday.

Last Friday, Metro Transit Police say, dozens of youths were involved in a massive brawl that spilled from the station onto the train, injuring four passengers, scaring scores of others and resulting in three arrests.

Washington's newest retail and entertainment district has become a meeting place that transcends the city's usual dividing lines. The street's restaurants, bars, theaters and shops attract tourists, suburbanites and city residents alike, but business owners, visitors and police say the night scene has grown increasingly tense.

Large groups of teens clot the sidewalks, threaten passersby and confront one another with harsh words and frequent fisticuffs.

Their misbehaviors range from loud, obnoxious clowning to vandalism and muggings.

In response, D.C. police who cover this piece of real estate have stepped up their presence. The police cluster where kids do, such as on the Portrait Gallery steps.

The steps are no random teen meeting place, says police Lt. Eddie Fowler, but an elevated lookout where young people can see who's coming and who's going. "It's like they're watching a game," Fowler said. **(THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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Md. Officials Warn of Raw Chesapeake Shellfish

Baltimore

Maryland health officials say people may be getting sick from eating raw oysters and other shellfish from the Chesapeake Bay.

The culprit is vibrio, a naturally occurring bacteria that's more prevalent in the bay during hot weather.

The state health department says there have been 24 cases of vibrio infection this year. That puts Maryland on pace to exceed the infection totals from previous years. Vibrio can cause wound infections, gastrointestinal disease and other ailments. People with open wounds who swim in the bay are also at risk.

It's not just the bay where vibrio is a problem. A health department spokesman says at least four of the Maryland cases have been linked to out-of-state oysters.

JAMES A. PARCELL/FTWP

Health officials say a bacteria called vibrio is responsible for 24 infections.

Health officials are advising Marylanders to cook oysters, clams and other bivalves until the weather cools. **(AP)**

NOT AGAIN ...

A region already sick of storms is hit with yet another round

Washington

The skies lit up — again. The lights flickered before giving out — again. Groans of frustration were heard — again.

Though many were caught off guard by Thursday's early morning deluge, its aftermath was exasperatingly familiar to area residents who have endured a summer of unusually severe weather.

It started shortly after 7 a.m., with the temperature already in the low 80s and humidity at more than 70 percent. The sky grew as dark as doom and then cut loose, as a 60-mile-long squall line sliced through the region from the suburbs of Baltimore to just south of the District. Almost an inch and a half of rain was dumped across the area in roughly an hour, forecasters said.

The torrent flooded streets across the area, at one point carrying a minivan on a 15-foot wall of water a quarter-mile along Rock Creek in Northwest Washington, while the driver fled and then clung for his life to a fence. If that wasn't enough, another wave hit the area around 6 p.m.

The storms struck eight days after a similar system smashed across Alexandria and Prince George's County on Aug. 5. Another, even stronger, system pounded Montgomery County and the District on July 25.

More than 100,000 were without power at the height of the latest storm. Many of the same people who had already lost power at least once this season were — again — facing days before their electricity would be restored.

Local officials joined residents in venting their frustration at Pepco. "Power stays on more consistently in many developing nations than it does now in the communities surrounding our nation's capital," Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley wrote in a letter to the Maryland Public Service Commission asking for an investigation into why Pepco is having so many outages for such long durations.

After a summer with 51 days of 90-plus temperatures, 20 days of 95 degree readings and at least three destructive storms, the region has apparently hit its boiling point. (THE WASHINGTONPOST/ EXPRESS)

TRACY A.WOODWARD/TWP

CHARGED UP OVER PEPCO

Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett on Thursday took up the cause of his constituents, many of whom were without power after another round of storms. Before meeting with Pepco officials, Leggett lambasted the beleaguered power company. He said Pepco's infrastructure was inadequate, almost Third World, while describing the storm destruction as "akin to what you would see in a hurricane or a major tornado." He also added: "We have to make sure they are going to do a better job than they did before." (EXPRESS/TWP)

People in Gaithersburg, Md., try to assess the damage from Thursday morning's storm, which caused a tree to crash into this residential complex.

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- **Aug. 12, 2010** 100K without power

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— Washingtonpost.com commenter overhereontheleft reacts to the story of a Chevy Chase family whose baby sustained minor injuries during Thursday morning's thunderstorm.

"We named last winter's blizzards, so when are we going to start giving names to these T-storms? Pepcopolypse?"

— Capital Weather Gang commenter DOG3521 thinks of a catchy name for this year's wet weather.

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Thursday morning's torrential storm wreaked havoc on commuters in D.C. and Maryland. Here, flooding blocked traffic on Rhode Island Avenue at T Street NW. (COURTESY ALEX SEITZ-WALD)

The Cleveland Park Metro station was closed from just before 8 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. because of high water that flowed in from street level along Connecticut Avenue. Also, the Forest Glen station was closed after it lost power until 9:20 a.m., and a downed tree on the tracks forced single-tracking between Silver Spring and Takoma. (COURTESY WASHINGTONPOST.COM USER DJAKOVO01)

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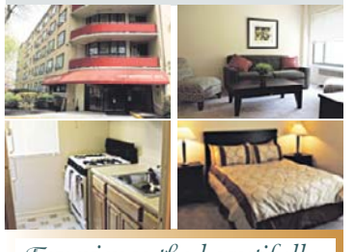

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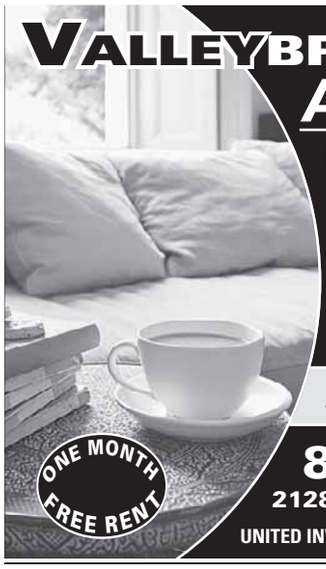

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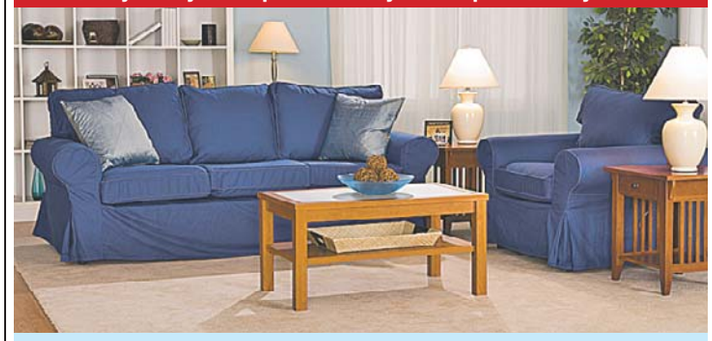

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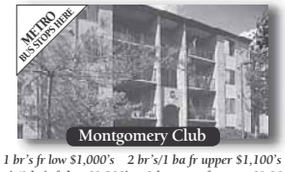

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Stephen Strasburg looks to rebound from a previous rocky start on Sunday.

Friday

2:55 P.M. World Cup stars Cristiano Ronaldo and Kaka play for Real Madrid in an exhibition against Bayern Munich. ESPN

7:05 P.M. The Nationals take on the Diamondbacks with John Lannan on the hill. MASN2

7:30 P.M. After an offseason to remember, the Redskins finally take the field in their first preseason game against the Bills at FedEx Field. NBC4

Saturday

7:05 P.M. The Nats send Jason Marquis to try to right his short season against the Diamondbacks. MASN

8 P.M. United hosts FC Dallas on Ladies Night at RFK. CSN

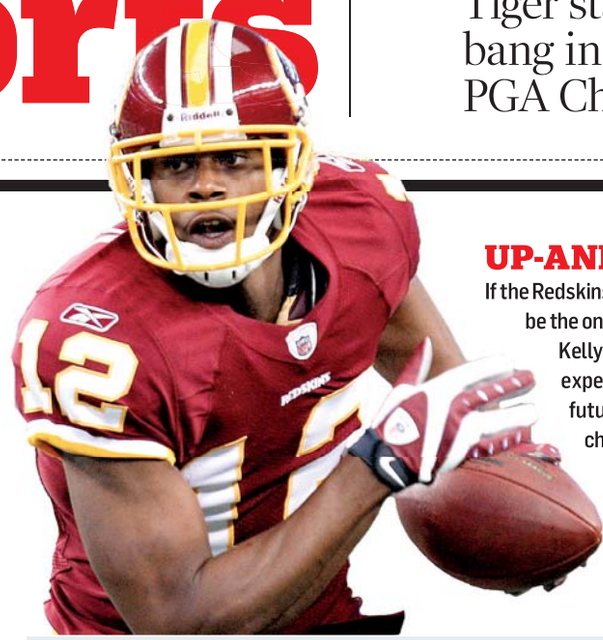
Sunday

1 P.M. Kyle Harvick looks to extend his lead in the NASCAR Sprint Cup standings at the Carfax 400 in Brooklyn, Mich. ESPN

1:35 P.M. Stephen Strasburg takes the mound to close out the week against Arizona. DC-50

2 P.M. Tiger has to outplay Phil Mickelson if he wants to hold onto his long-held No. 1 ranking at the PGA Championships final round. CBS

3 P.M. The US Open draws closer at the championship round in the Rogers Open in Toronto. ESPN2



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If the Redskins' first depth chart is any clue, those names might not be the ones fans are familiar with. Devin Thomas and Malcolm Kelly, left — second-round picks in the 2008 draft who were expected to develop into the Redskins' receiving stars of the future — are currently listed as third-stringers on the depth chart (though Thomas is slated as the No. 1 kick returner and would be a surprise omission). Kelly's hamstring issue will keep him sidelined against Buffalo, and he may have to shine later to keep his roster spot. Losing either of those two would present a size problem, as the Redskins would be left with just one receiver over 6 feet tall.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

The Redskins kick off the preseason with many things unsettled. On Friday night against the Bills, they hope to get some answers.

Someone has to go. OK, a whole bunch of people have to go. The Redskins bring 11 receivers into Friday's preseason opener at FedEx Field against the Bills. Roughly half of those guys are going to be cut before the season opener, and the names of those who'll make the team aren't exactly clear. "We'll get a chance to see guys in game situations besides a practice evaluation," Redskins coach Mike Shanahan said. "You combine all of that and try to come up with our top six receivers." ERIC BRANDNER

TWO LIKELY LOCKS

Hovering near 486 years old, Joey Galloway (OK, he's only 38) is listed as a first teamer, along with No. 1 receiver Santana Moss. After that, it's a big scramble. Roydell Williams and Anthony Armstrong are the current second team receivers, but neither was able to make an NFL roster last season. Veterans Bobby Wade and Mike Furrey (out with a concussion) are in camp but aren't listed among the top eight at the position. And then there's Terrence Austin and Brandon Banks, two rookies who could develop into impact players in the return game.

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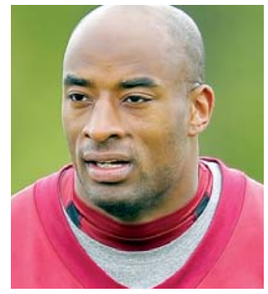
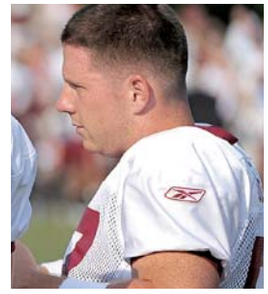
Receivers Santana Moss, left, and Joey Galloway practice.



POSITION BATTLE:

The debut of the Redskins' 3-4 defense will also be the start of the competition between former defensive linemen Andre Carter and Lorenzo Alexander, both of whom are trying to win an outside linebacker spot opposite Pro Bowler Brian Orakpo. Carter, above, will start on Friday night, but that doesn't give him an edge, according to defensive coordinator Jim Haslett. "Lorenzo was on the first team last week. Andre's going to start the game, but that doesn't mean that he's [won the job]."



ON THE HOT SEAT:

Nick Sundberg has a tough task in replacing reliable former long snapper Ethan Albright. If Sundberg — who has never played an NFL game — gets the yips in the preseason, Shanahan may be forced to bring in someone new.

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In Brief

JASON DECROW/AP

The Mets' Francisco Rodriguez is led into court in New York on Thursday.

PRO BASEBALL

K-Rod Suspended Two Games After Arrest

Francisco Rodriguez was suspended for two days by the Mets on Thursday, a day after police said the star pitcher grabbed his father-in-law from a Citi Field family lounge, struck him in the face and banged his head against the wall. He was released without bail Thursday and told to stay away from his father-in-law while facing charges he assaulted the man. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Brawl Yields Suspensions

Cincinnati Reds pitcher Johnny Cueto has been suspended for seven games for his actions during a brawl with the St. Louis Cardinals, and both managers were suspended for two games. Major League Baseball said Thursday that Cueto, Cardinals manager Tony La Russa and Reds manager Dusty Baker also were fined undisclosed amounts. (AP)

PRO BASEBALL

Chipper Suffers ACL Tear

Chipper Jones may have played his last game in the major leagues, tearing up his left knee while fielding a ground ball Tuesday. The Atlanta Braves said Thursday that the 38-year-old third baseman tore his anterior cruciate ligament and will need surgery. The estimated recovery time is six months — if Jones decides to return in 2011. He had already said he would consider retirement after a season that's now ended sooner than expected. (AP)

A Tough Question for the Nats

Players weigh sitting out or staying quiet about their injuries

The Nationals

Josh Willingham doesn't say much, and when he does open his mouth, you can bet it won't be to complain about some nagging injury or make excuses for a prolonged slump.

"I don't know," Willingham told reporters Wednesday. "I'm just not getting many hits."

Moments later, manager Jim Riggleman gave him away, acknowledging that Willingham has long been bothered by a knee injury that flared up recently. He has given his left fielder two days off in the hopes that it might provide the mental and physical rest needed to improve his .206 batting average in August.

But it underscores one of the primary challenges of managing amid a culture that rewards toughness and despises frailty. Riggleman must ascertain whether a player is hurt — by August, everybody's hurting somewhere — or whether he is downplaying an injury that is affecting his play and hurting the team.

Officially, the club encourages players to keep the organization fully informed when an injury occurs, nagging or otherwise. But that doesn't mean players don't earn favor by biting their tongues and lacing up their spikes.

JOHN MCDONNELL

Nationals left fielder Josh Willingham has been rested two days with a knee injury.

"I'm sure he'll play through it for the rest of the year," Riggleman said of Willingham. "It's really hard not to respect and be proud of him, because he's a tough guy."

That's not to say the Nationals ignore injuries. In several cases this season, the club has taken a conservative approach when pitchers have reported pain or discomfort, opting to shut them down before circumstances worsened.

Still, center fielder Nyjer Morgan got an unexpected response when he confided to the team's medical staff recently that his nagging hip injury had worsened. Morgan was seeking additional treatment but instead landed on the disabled list. And he was none too happy about it.

"I feel like I should have kept my mouth closed," said Morgan, whose performance had begun to pick up shortly before he was sidelined.

Morgan should return soon after he's eligible to rejoin the club.

The same will be true of Willingham, whose production when reasonably healthy demands he be in the lineup. Riggleman will watch him, but in a 162-game season, sometimes marginally healthy is good enough. In fact, when asked which knee was bothering Willingham, the manager was succinct.

"I don't know," he said. "It don't matter. It's gonna hurt either way."

DEREK TURNER

DISCUSSIONS

Boz on Nats

The Washington Post's Thomas Boswell is online each Thursday morning to discuss the latest news from the Washington Nationals.

At some point, the same old story gets old. At some point the Nats have to win. They cannot be last in the league in defense and last in one of the weaker divisions for three-straight years and show progress, can they?

Yes, they can. Watch the last 48 games. They are healthy enough now that they should play close to .500 and end up with 71-72-73 wins. That would make them one of the most-improved teams in baseball this year.

Do baseball teams practice with all those games they have to play? If so, is there a reason the Nats aren't doing fielding drills? They're giving up way too many unearned runs.

> **"Since Jim Riggleman arrived ... no team practices defense — in season — more than the Nats."**

Since Jim Riggleman arrived as manager, no team practices defense — in season — more than the Nats. That's where he thought he could make a big impact. It drives him nuts that it hasn't.

Is there any chance we'll ever see Chien Ming Wang in a Nationals uniform? This year seems out, but next year?

Never believe a shoulder-surgery guy is all the way back until you see it in the flesh. Wang has had two surgeries. So, I doubt he'll ever be a factor. But he's under contract for next year, too. So, give it time.

All Hands on Deck for Mystics

With the playoff push in full swing, Monroe makes needed return

The Mystics

For much of the season, the Washington Mystics (17-12) have played with only nine active players, too few even to play five-on-five in practices.

Now, fighting for one of four playoff spots with only five games remaining, the Mystics have added some fresh legs.

Rookie forward Jacinta Monroe returned to the lineup a week ago for the first time since injuring her hand on June 19. On Tuesday, Monroe got her rhythm back, scoring eight points in as many minutes to help the Mystics beat the Connecticut Sun, 84-74, in one of the most important games of the season.

"She gives us another presence in the post," said forward Monique Currie. "It just makes us that much deeper. Ten players is not a lot of players so imagine playing with nine. It's good to have her back. She's coming along well for having missed so much time."

Monroe's return to form could not have come sooner for the Mystics, who were suffering from fatigue. Entering Tuesday's game, the Mystics had lost seven of their previous 12 games and, in two weeks, had fallen from first to fourth place in the East with their lead in the standings over the fifth place Sun (14-15) slipping. But on Tuesday, the Mystics bounced back.

NICK WASS/AP

Mystics' Jacinta Monroe is returning to form after injuring her hand on June 19.

"We're not in [the playoffs]," said guard Katie Smith. "You lose a couple games and you're out. We understand that. We're fighting for our lives, too, so I think that sense of urgency every night is key."

The Eastern Conference standings are so close that the Mystics enter Friday's home game against the Minnesota Lynx (11-17) only two games out of first place. **JOE BUBAR**

JONATHAN NEWTON/TWP

Jaime Morena has 132 goals in D.C.

Moreno to Hang Up His Cleats

D.C. United

D.C. United's Jaime Moreno, the MLS career scoring leader who has played in the league since its launch 14 years ago, will not return to the club next season, United President Kevin Payne confirmed Thursday.

Moreno, 36, will remain with the team the rest of the season and may consider an offer to remain with the organization, probably coaching the youth program, Payne said.

"These things are never easy," Payne said. "We wanted this to come out now so other teams, if they so choose, can recognize him and so our fans can say goodbye."

Moreno has 132 goals and 102 assists in 225 regular season appearances. **(TWP)**

CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Tiger Woods finished one-under par Thursday after sinking birdies on three of the first four holes at the PGA Championship.

Tiger Lets Early Lead Slip Away

Golf

When the fog finally lifted at the PGA Championship, there was Tiger Woods.

Not the Woods whose personal life is in shambles and his game not much better. Instead, there was a short glimpse of the Tiger who ruled golf with 14 majors — and counting.

Woods briefly climbed into a share of the lead with three birdies in his first four holes after fog delayed morning tee times by 3 hours and 10 minutes. But he fell back in with the pack over back nine, finishing at one under par on the opening round at Whistling Straits. He capped off a the final hole with a birdie.

Phil Mickelson, who teed off later in the afternoon, could take Woods' long-held No. 1 world ranking with a strong performance a the PGA Championship.

Mickelson has come up short in his previous opportunities to reach No. 1 for the first time in his career. But he could do it this week with five scenarios: a victory; runner-up finish with Woods out of the top three; third-place finish with Woods out of the top 11; fourth-place finish with Woods outside the top 46; a two-way tie for fourth with Woods missing the cut.

If Mickelson is to usurp Woods, he'll have to do it playing through the pain of psoriatic arthritis, which he revealed he has been playing with this week. **(EXPRESS/AP)**

Swengali

McNabb's Progress Is Worth Watching

At this time every year, I typically write a column about how meaningless the preseason is. And each year, I'm right. Now here comes the "but."

Winning or losing is irrelevant, yet the Redskins' four exhibitions will actually matter to Donovan McNabb.

By Matt Swenson

Beginning Friday against the Bills, the superstar quarterback is going to have to find some sort of rhythm.

Saddled with a wide receiver group heavy on quantity but pretty light on quality, the former Eagle's passes have been flying on him at training camp.

It's understandable. After all, McNabb's life got turned upside down in the trade that brought him to D.C.

Beginning Friday, the superstar quarterback is going to have to find some sort of a rhythm.

He's learning a new scheme and playing with a new set of characters.

Given the likelihood that McNabb won't play 16 games, the Redskins need to get the most out of him when he is healthy. That means a slow start is something new coach Mike Shanahan can't afford, especially when Rex Grossman is the backup.

In the opener, McNabb will play sparingly, and it's likely we won't learn much from the performance. The next few weeks, though, could be revealing.

McNabb certainly won't be in mid-season form. Still, a couple of interceptions here and some awful throws there could suggest the transition isn't going smoothly.

Considering the Redskins have banked this season on McNabb, that is something worth watching.

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Robert Duvall

ACTOR, TANGO DANCER, FACIAL HAIR ENTHUSIAST

Playing the role of a legend isn't exactly new territory for Robert Duvall, the 79-year-old actor who's one in his own right. But for "Get Low," which opens in theaters today, he took on the part of Felix Bush, a real fellow whose fame came from a strange request he made in the 1930s: He wanted to throw himself a funeral party while he was still kicking. After avoiding people for most of his life, Bush decided to invite anyone and everyone to his Tennessee abode for a bash. It ended up attracting national attention — and with a cast that includes Sissy Spacek and Bill Murray, "Get Low" will, too.

Did your family history help you prepare for this part?

Probably. My dad's family is from Virginia, but they were pro-Union. They didn't side with the Confederacy. But I figured this guy lived around there. When I played Robert E. Lee, I talked like my dad. You draw on what you know.

That was quite a beard you had in the first part of the movie.

We're still trying to do the Hatfields and the McCoys, so that beard [ed note: a much wilder one than what's in the above photo] was based on them. It's the best beard I've ever had. I could never grow something like that.

Are you any good at woodworking like Felix Bush?

No, and I feel deficient. I wanted to learn something. He makes his own coffin. And when the coffin came out, my wife was off camera and got a call that Horton Foote [who wrote the screenplay for "To Kill a Mockingbird," Duvall's film debut] had died. We got spooked.

I hear you're neighbors with the talented mule in the movie?

She lives 20 miles away in Front Royal. Mules can't usually rear like that. She can also pray and go to the mailbox.

> **"Cremate me and spread the ashes somewhere. My wife can watch 'Lonesome Dove,' because she's never seen it."**

How often are you in D.C.?

Not often, but we like to come in to have lunch at the Park Hyatt. We had Thanksgiving there.

Has this made you think about what you want to plan for your own funeral?

Cremate me and spread the ashes somewhere. My wife can watch "Lonesome Dove," because she's never seen it.

How much do you love to tango?

[My wife] says a good day for me is a good meal and a tango.

So, what counts as a good meal?

A hamburger, steak, pasta, good softshell crabs, Maryland crabcakes. I tell the Argentines we have better steak here. They overcook it. But they do have the best gnocchi.

When you started acting, did you ever imagine you'd still be working at this age?

No clue. I knew Gene Hackman. I knew what we wanted. I still have a few things left to do. But I'll know when the time's come to stop. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | Old Town, New Stuff

Boutiques in Old Town Alexandria serve up the burg's first-ever sidewalk sale Sat., 10 a.m.-6 p.m., with deals such as 50 to 75 percent off girly fashions at Periwinkle, 20 percent off colorful rugs at new import den Indus, plus specials on cool drinks and desserts at spots such as Alexandria Cupcake and Firehook Bakery. Oldtownboutiquedistrict.com.

goods lookout

1 Shots From the Hipster

HEY, EDGY PHOTO BLOGGER! Yeah, you using the deadstock Russian Polaroid to snap pictures of your brethren stumbling out of Miss Whiskey's at 2 a.m. The Spinner 360 ($145, Usa.shop.lomography.com) whirls the things you love about lazy, hazy old-fashioned film lomography pictures (saturated colors, funky light blips) into panoramic prints. Simply pull the string, let the thing do a 360 twirl, and pray for semi-flattering party-scapes worth posting.

3 Pleasantly Plump

PROFESSIONAL COQUETTES take note: you've met your match. No, not Javier Bardem, but another suitable, strong, handsome and reliable partner. We're talking Bare Escentuals Buxom Lash Blue Noir mascara ($18, Sephora), a dark blue-black shade that gave us a sultry stare only Marilyn or Marlene could rival. Boasting powerful nutrients we've never heard of (What is Rhodochrosite?), it enriches, elongates and clings to our eye fringe like it's there to stay, always and forever.

Grab Bag

4 Float Launch

A FROSTY MUG OF A&W might launch a kid into a spazzy sugar shock. But Three Olives' new Root Beer vodka (about $19, liquor stores) seems likely to soothe adults savaged by this beastly summer heat. The not-too-sweet stuff goes down sarsaparilla-smooth on its own or mixed with ginger ale, but we prefer it drizzled (or gushed) over vanilla ice cream for a grown-up twist on the treat that we stood in line for at Dairy Queen during the 1980s.

2 Tie-Partisanship

THAT NORTHWEST SIDE STORY, the great Dupont versus Georgetown divide, is finally over. In a city of passionate partisans, we've found something hipsters and wannabe-Hamptonites can agree on: Forage bow ties. The Curiosity Shoppe sells hundreds of funky colors and retro print versions ($65, Curiosityshoppeonline.com). Striped versions, 1960s-bright floral and seersucker models are made by Something's Hiding in Here. Fit for both preppy pubs and edgy street fairs, we declare the neighborhood wars over. Snap, snap. Be cool.

5 Armed Services

HAVING PEOPLE over for dinner amounts to a kind of culinary embrace, unless you're bitterly cooking your mother-in-law Hamburger Helper. Set the table — and the scene — for a hospitable and mod meal with Josh Jakus' Napkin Hug rings (four for $15, Branchhome.com). Interlock the wool felt figure's hands around linens, then let guests release to unfold their napkins. Best of all, the things come in both boy and girl varieties, so you can encourage the sexes to mix and mingle over your lasagna or coq au vin.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

In early September, I will be attending my cousin's wedding at a church in one of those snooty Philadelphia Main Line towns. But I'm six months' pregnant with twins, and my feet have swelled to ridiculous proportions. Can you recommend wide, pretty sandals that don't cost a fortune, as I'm hoping that my feet will eventually go back to their normal size?

— JESSICA

Manolo says, you may rest assured, that if the Manolo were emperor of the world (the job for which he is singularly well qualified) he would name all the pregnant ladies "heroines of fecundity," the honor which immediately entitles its holder to deep discounts on high-end ice cream, together with the complimentary feet rubs from the specially trained masseurs, chosen for their firm but gentle hands and strikingly good looks.

But, sadly, it seems unlikely the Manolo will ever be chosen dictator for life, even by accident, and so the expectant mothers must make do with the comfortable shoes and only the single scoop of supermarket rocky road.

Here is the Hot Date from David Tate ($91, Zappos.com), the mid-heel sandal available in four colors and the various sizes, all the way up to the pregnant-lady-sized EE.

Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

Grab Bag goods gathered and reviewed by Jennifer Barger, Katherine Boyle and Express staff. For other food, fashion, beauty and home finds, see Expressnightout.com/grabbag

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Picture Shiloh Jolie-Pitt with a tail. That's how upset we are by exquisite gadgets saddled with grotesque cords, crass stands and clunky charging bricks. "A strip was fine when we just had lamps. Now we have all these interestingly shaped plugs," says Jake Zien, inventor of Quirky.com's PivotPower (see opposite). The tech market teems with similarly clever doohickeys for managing the digital world's unseemly appendages. Or, says Zien, "twisty ties are absolutely an acceptable solution." HOLLY J. MORRIS (EXPRESS)

leaf exec

$7 for 12, Lufdesign.com

The delicate, natural beauty of Korean designer Tsunho Wang's leafy cable ties transform even the most offensive wad of wires into a flourishing vine. They can adorn the analog as well; we put one on our scissors. Emerald and olive green are pictured; four other colors are available.

hug shots

$10 for 6, Bluelounge.com

These little peel-and-stick guys embrace cords, making them stay in place AND feel loved. Unlike the majority of tech stuff (we blame Steve Jobs), CableDrops come in earth tones as well as the requisite neons.

hide & chic

$30, Bluelounge.com

If cords are tangled but no one can see them, are they really tangled? That is the mystery of the CableBox. The Mini, shown, houses a four-outlet power strip; a larger version (also $30) can handle extra chaos.

long, cool

$15, Quirky.com

Apple's self-wrapping laptop chargers are all smug and compact—until you add the extension cord. The Power Curl neatens it all up nicely.

gear lookout

go bloom

$22, Fredflare.com

Like bridesmaid dresses and subcompact American cars (sneezefordfiestasneeze), USB hubs are almost universally ugly. This one is not. Buy it!

legs up

$20, Breffo.com

The Spiderpodium looks like it might skitter. Or suck your face. Damn you, "Alien" franchise! In fact, it's quite safe — the bendy limbs allow for hanging (like in a car) and standing.

big bend

$25, Quirky.com

Jointed at each "knuckle," the flexible PivotPower can accommodate a wide variety of absurdly large power bricks with balletic grace. And it's purty.

wrap star

$7, Driinn.com

Your precious baby will slumber comfortably in the caress of the Driinn, a simple, rubbery affair that looks like an inexplicable kitchen tool when not in use. It's ideal for a one-gadget household.

flush mount

$6, Perpetualkid.com

"Avatar" on a 3.5-inch display is awesome! Kidding. But the iPlunge, available Sept. 1, could make it tolerable.

neat (not eat)

$13, Lufdesign.com

Finally, something for the woefully underserved Italian grandmother market. Nana's iPod charger makes her molto angry! The Fork and Cream Sauce uses her pasta-twirling skills — spin the cord around the tines, then plant in the base.

wi-fi lounge

$10, Thinkgeek.com

Give your expensive touch-screen smartphone this beanbag to chill in, and maybe it will resent you less for smearing your finger grease all over it day in and day out.

International Trade

How to (Maybe) Buy Something Awesome From Japan

The gadget wrangler we can't show you was the best one of all — a set of toy soldiers for corralling cords, from a Japanese company (iida.jp) that doesn't sell to the U.S. But there had to be a way! Proving that everything exists on the Web once you wish for it, Googling "service that buys you things in japan and mails them to you" turned up a couple businesses that do just that. (A small item will probably cost at minimum $30 more.) Goody-japan.com had the best English, so we gave it our $22 deposit on July 28 and are still waiting. We'll keep you updated. H.J.M.

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Forever Julia

I remember a college classroom debate in which 20 or so overly earnest English majors argued whether Shakespeare was actually as good as everyone said, or whether his reputation was so immense that you could never objectively assess the quality of his stuff. Certainly the latter can be said of Julia Roberts, if not the Bard.

By Kristen Page-Kirby

Julia Roberts is the Platonic ideal of the Movie Star. She seems perfectly friendly, she is accessibly lovely, and she can act well enough to keep naysayers mostly at bay.

But whenever I see previews for "Eat Pray Love" (and allow me a moment to say the lack of commas makes me homicidal), I don't see an Everywoman out to find herself through pizza and prayer. I see Julia Roberts eating pizza. Julia Roberts laughing at naked guy. Julia Roberts being Julia Roberts in various global locales.

It's not her fault, really. But try as she might, Roberts cannot vanish into a role. She tried to alter her appearance by donning a fat suit in "America's Sweethearts," only to emerge and reassure us that, no, she was still thin. Even in her Oscar-winning "Erin Brockovich" performance, she still had that star quality. In fact, my favorite Roberts performance is in "Notting Hill," when she played ... a movie star. The same sparkle that gave her fame now hinders her from becoming someone — anyone — else.

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FRANÇOIS DUHAMEL

Julia Roberts gets her fill of red wine, pasta, pizza and gelato while on a mission to recover her spiritual side in the film adaptation of Elizabeth Gilbert's best-selling book.

Gawk Sigh Groan

Gorgeous scenery and Julia Roberts shine in the uneven flick 'Eat Pray Love'

Film Review

Anyone bringing Elizabeth Gilbert's blockbuster memoir of self-discovery, "Eat Pray Love," to the screen faces a huge challenge: How to overcome the book's episodic, anecdotal structure and penchant for aphorism to create a dynamic narrative? Even more daunting, how does one dramatize what is essentially an interior journey?

The answer, at least according to director Ryan Murphy ("Glee"), is to photograph Julia Roberts against as many fabulous backdrops as possible. That strategy pays off with uneven success in "Eat Pray Love," in which Roberts portrays the author as she recovers from a disastrous divorce and general spiritual ennui on a yearlong trip through Italy, India and Bali.

How does one dramatize what is essentially an interior journey?

The book's rabid fans are likely to feel well served by Murphy's adaptation. And even newcomers, men included, can enjoy being swept up in the film's lavish third chapter, where Gilbert meets a seductive Brazilian named Felipe (Javier Bardem) and embarks on a luscious love affair in Bali.

All that eye candy aside, though, "Eat Pray Love" can't be described as a home run. At least during the movie's first third, Murphy doesn't stop moving his camera, swooping it around and perching it above the action as if it were a neurotic bird of prey. The perspective is at its most jangled in Italy, where Gilbert is supposed to discover the "joy in doing nothing."

Her supporting characters get a little more time in India, where Gilbert meets the expansive "Richard from Texas," played here by Richard Jenkins in a scene-stealing turn as a broken man healing his scars through bravado and spiritual seeking. It's in India, too, that "Eat Pray Love's" most affecting sequence transpires, as Gilbert makes peace with her ex-husband, played by Billy Crudup.

Roberts, who cannily chose to produce "Eat Pray Love" as the perfect vehicle for her alternately dazzling and relatable talents, manages to tamp down the book's most grating self-congratulatory tone.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"Eat Pray Love"
(PG-13)

- **Director:** Ryan Murphy
- **Stars:** Julia Roberts, Javier Bardem, Richard Jenkins, Billy Crudup
- **In a Nutshell:** A woman embarks on a journey of self-discovery.
- **For Fans Of:** "Under the Tuscan Sun," "Erin Brockovich"

6 **The number of bowls** of pasta Julia Roberts says she ate for one dining scene.

8 **The number of slices** of pizza Roberts devoured in 45 minutes for a scene in pizzeria capital Naples.

10 **The number of pounds** Roberts estimates she gained during the shooting of "Eat Pray Love." (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

Testosterone to Spare

Sylvester Stallone's macho thriller is an assault on the senses

Film Review

It would be so easy to hate "The Expendables," a super-stoked action thriller written and directed by Sylvester Stallone that injects a whopping dose of steroids into the term "vanity project." Drenched in mayhem and machismo, overstuffed with stunts, explosions, strutting and fretting and risible dialogue, this is a movie designed to leave filmgoers feeling not so much pumped as pummeled into submission, grateful for having survived an all-out assault on their senses and sensibilities.

But just when "The Expendables" threatens to sink under its own considerable weight, Terry Crews blows a guy's brains out, silhouetted through a backlit doorway, and the entire groaning enterprise levitates on a ludicrous plume of pure camp. Stallone plays Barney Ross, leader of the titular gang of mercenaries with names like Lee Christmas (Jason Statham) and Gunnar Jensen (Dolph Lundgren); Crews himself plays — wait for it — Hale Caesar. Hired by a mystery man named Mr. Church to unseat a despot in South America, Ross and the boys use the opportunity to lay waste to everything they see: At one point, Ross, after literally catching a seaplane, strafes and sets fire to a pier, reducing it to a smoldering cinder. Later, in the film's interminable climax, bullets, knives and bare hands fly in an incomprehensible vortex as arms and heads and body parts get thrown into the melee.

Stallone gives himself a love interest — played by the earthily sensuous Giselle Itié — but mostly they glower at each other in a who-has-the-fullest-upper-lip competition. Primarily, "The Expendables" is about bros and the bros who love them. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

KAREN BALLARD

Sylvester Stallone, left, and his troupe of tough guys get more than their fill of fiery explosions and interminable shoot-outs.

"The Expendables" (R)

- **Director:** Sylvester Stallone
- **Stars:** Sylvester Stallone, Jet Li, Jason Statham, Dolph Lundgren, Eric Roberts, Steve Austin
- **In a Nutshell:** A team of mercenaries travels to South America on a mission to unseat a dictator.
- **For Fans Of:** "Rambo," "Rocky," "The Terminator," "Predators"

One Long Inside Joke

'Scott Pilgrim' is geared toward those who are already fans

Film Review

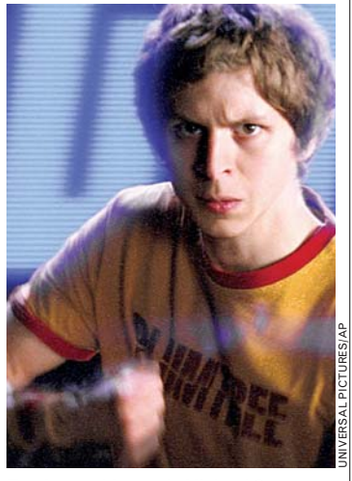
"Scott Pilgrim vs. the World" is a dog-frequency movie: enjoyable only to those tuned in to its particular register. Based on a graphic novel by Bryan Lee O'Malley, this hyperkinetic pop-culture pastiche stars Michael Cera — he of the quavery voice and dilated gaze — as the title character, a 22-year-old Lothario and would-be rocker who meets the girl of his dreams, then sets out to defeat her seven exes to gain her love.

Love, actually, has little to do with it in a story populated by progressively snarkier, self-involved characters. Stripped of his doe-eyed looks and indie-nerd style, Pilgrim is a selfish jerk; Ramona V. Flowers (Mary Elizabeth Winstead), who in her rainbow-colored pageboys resembles a grown-up version of Hit-Girl from the eerily similar "Kick-Ass," isn't much warmer, looking on with a blase shrug as her suitor risks life and limb on her behalf.

The story and characters of "Scott Pilgrim vs. the World," then, are negligible. But fans of the novel aren't likely to care, reserving their most passionate interest for how director Edgar Wright ("Shaun of the Dead," "Hot Fuzz") has brought their precious antihero to the screen. The short answer: every which way he can, borrowing references from video games, cartoons, sitcoms and other movies. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"Scott Pilgrim vs. The World" (PG-13)

- **Director:** Edgar Wright
- **Stars:** Michael Cera, Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Kieran Culkin
- **In a Nutshell:** A would-be rocker must defeat the seven evil exes of the girl of his dreams.



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To win over his crush, Michael Cera must fight seven of her old flames.

'Low' Is High Point For Duvall

Film Review

"Get Low" may be opening in Washington on Friday the 13th, but that should prove to be a lucky date for Robert Duvall, because his performance in this quiet, affecting drama is a veritable shoo-in for an Oscar nomination — his seventh, that lucky number effectively canceling out the day's superstitious karma.

Duvall's character, Felix Bush, probably wouldn't abide by all this mumbo jumbo. A recluse living in the woods outside a small Southern town during the Depression, Felix is something of a local legend in town, where people whisper about Felix's past sins, which may or may not include murder.

Fed up with the gossip, Felix throws his own funeral, just to hear what people say about him.

With rough-hewn poetics, suspenseful momentum and dashes of humor, "Get Low" offers a shot of simple joy during cinema's most torrid season. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"Get Low" (PG-13)

- **Director:** Aaron Schneider
- **Stars:** Robert Duvall, Sissy Spacek, Bill Murray, Lucas Black
- **In a Nutshell:** A hermit arranges his own funeral in this drama set in the Depression-era South.
- **For Fans Of:** "To Kill a Mockingbird," "Grumpy Old Men"

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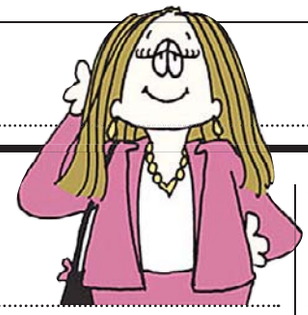

'Cathy' creator says she'll end the comic strip after 34 years

Comics

The comic strip "Cathy," which has chronicled the life, frustrations and swimsuit season meltdowns of its namesake for more than 30 years, is coming to an end.

Cathy Guisewite, the strip's creator, said Wednesday that deciding to end the comic strip was "excruciating." The comic has won several awards, including a 1992 National Cartoonists Society's Reuben Award and an Emmy Award for Outstanding Animated Program in 1987, and at its height appeared in 1,400 papers.

"It's just been really unbelievably agonizing to make the decision," Guisewite said in a telephone interview from her home in Los Angeles. "The strip has not only been the most astonishing form of therapy for 34 years, but doing a daily comic strip for the newspaper set a certain rhythm for my life."

> **"You can go bathing suit shopping and come home and ... get back at the swimwear industry."**
>
> — **CATHY GUISEWITE**, CREATOR OF THE "CATHY" COMIC STRIP

The final "Cathy" strip, will run in newspapers on Sunday, Oct. 3.

Guisewite, 59, said she chose to end the largely autobiographical comic strip because she wanted more time with her 18-year-old daughter and her parents, and because "other personal deadlines started becoming more pressing for me than the newspaper ones."

She said her "creative biological clock" was also urging her to try something else.

The best part about writing the comic was how she was able to connect with women, she said.

"It was just such a privilege to be able to be that voice for women," she said. **MARIA SUDEKUM FISHER (AP)**

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Nightlife Agenda

BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

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The Crystal Method remixes the music of others when it plays at the 9:30 Club.

FRIDAY

JELLYBEAN BENITEZ is spinning at U Street Music Hall. Jellybean Benitez: resident DJ at Studio 54 and the Funhouse. Producer of Madonna's early hits "Borderline," "Holiday" and "Lucky Star." Genius remixer of "Like a Virgin," "Flashdance," "Always Something There to Remind Me" and hundreds of other '80s pop tunes, from Pat Benatar to Huey Lewis and the News to Shalamar and even Gang of Four. If you love to dance and you pass this up, you are wrong in the head (1115 U St. NW; 10 p.m., $10; 202-466-3922).

Start with the Meters, add some Robert Randolph and throw in a rollicking second line, and that's just a swipe at breaking down **TROMBONE SHORTY**'s formula for letting the good times roll. He got his name as a tyke, toting a piece of brass that was as long as he was tall. He's since mastered the 'bone as well as all of its family members and now takes the classic New Orleans jazz of his roots through rock, soul and funk paces to ecstatic effect. Washington's Will Rast and his Funk Ark open for Shorty before he drops his bombs at the 9:30 Club (815 V St. NW; 8 p.m., $25; 202-265-0930).

SATURDAY

The **CRYSTAL METHOD** may have a lower profile now than it did in the early '90s, when "Vegas" stuck it in the vanguard of the burgeoning "electronica" explosion, but it's definitely a survivor. "Drive by Night" is the most recent album by the L.A. duo. However, seeing the Crystal Method live is much different than listening to its albums, as it twists and remixes other people's songs. There's a $20 cover (in advance) for this DJ set, and if you're looking to party, it's worth the price (Fur Nightclub, 33 Patterson St. NE; 10 p.m., $20; 202-842-3401).

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AGORA (NR, 126 minutes) "Agora" takes place in fourth-century Egypt, where, in Alexandria, the astronomer and philosopher Hypatia (Rachel Weisz) regularly gathers circles of students to explore the governing principles of the universe. Although Hypatia is an atheist and her father, Theon (Michael Lonsdale), is pagan like most of their countrymen, the nascent faith of Christianity has claimed the hearts of many Egyptians, among them Hypatia's servant, Davus (Max Minghella), and her student Synesius (Rupert Evans), who will eventually be named Bishop of Cyrene. As tensions rise, the conflict finally culminates in a brutal attack on the city's legendary library. **A.H.**

CATS & DOGS: THE REVENGE OF KITTY GALORE (PG, 82 minutes) Plagued by cheap-looking special effects and a crummy 3-D conversion, this film leans heavily on its only real asset, the cuteness of its fuzzy stars. Kitty is a hairless feline with the voice of Bette Midler who is bent on world domination. Opposing her are a team of super-spies: a cat with the voice of Christina Applegate, and two dogs, Butch and Diggs (Nick Nolte and James Marsden, respectively). Butch is the old pro; Diggs is the unreliable rookie. The three are tasked with protecting a pigeon (voice of Katt Williams) who has gotten a hold of secret blueprints that could endanger Kitty's plan. **DAN KOIS**

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"Cats & Dogs" confirms what we've long suspected: Felines are bent on supremacy.

CHARLIE ST. CLOUD (PG-13, 99 minutes) Zac Efron plays the titular Charlie, a young man whose guilt and grief over his 11-year-old brother's death — in a car Charlie was driving — has paralyzed him emotionally. The scenes in which he plays catch with dead brother Sam (Charlie Tahan), with whom Charlie has a daily

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play date in the woods, are particularly touching. A promising high school sailor with an athletic scholarship to Stanford, Charlie has put his plans — and his life — on hold after Sam dies, taking on a job as cemetery caretaker so that he can be near his brother. Five years after the accident, when Charlie and Tess (Amanda Crew) start falling for each other, Charlie's connection to Sam, or Sam's spirit, is threatened. **M.O.**

COCO CHANEL & IGOR STRAVINSKY (R, 118 minutes) This is a movie for aficionados only: lovers of 1920s design, fans of Stravinsky and devotees of Coco Chanel. The movie begins with the premiere of Igor Stravinsky's (Mads Mikkelsen) ballet "The Rite of Spring" and the audience's wild responses. The film skips forward to 1920, when Coco Chanel (Anna Mouglalis) invites the struggling composer and his family to leave the Paris hotel into which they've been crammed. While lonely wife Katia pines upstairs, Igor gives Coco piano lessons, and the two provocateurs flirt to the strains of a Stravinsky-ish score. **D.K.**

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Geeky Will Ferrell is improbably married to Eva Mendes in "The Other Guys."

THE CONCERT (NR, 107 minutes) Andrei Filipov (Aleksei Guskov) is a down-and-out conductor who works as a janitor at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow. Andrei intercepts a fax inviting the company to perform at the Theatre du Chatelet in Paris. He decides that he will pretend to be the director, accept the invitation, reassemble his orchestra from 30 years ago and travel to Paris. Early on, viewers will suspect that there's more on the line for Andrei than a trip to Paris. There's that nervous look his co-conspirators get when he wants to play Tchaikovsky and his odd insistence that violin virtuoso Anne-Marie Jacquet (Mélanie Laurent) play a solo. We learn that part of the mystery is a 30-year-old scandal when the communist government forced Andrei out of his conductor job for harboring Jews in his orchestra. **RACHEL SASLOW**

entertainment lookout

CYRUS (R, 92 minutes) This movie announces its confrontational intentions from the get-go, when in the opening scene the film's hero, John (John C. Reilly), is interrupted in an intimate moment by his ex-wife, Jamie (Catherine Keener), who has stopped by to tell him she's getting remarried. Later, John meets Molly (Marisa Tomei), a knockout who thinks his penchant for drunken confessions and public urination is kind of cute. The future looks bright for John and Molly, until he discovers that she has been hiding something. That would be her 21-year-old son, Cyrus, played by Jonah Hill. He lives in a deeply enmeshed relationship with his devoted mother. **A.H.**

DESPICABLE ME (PG, 95 minutes) The nasty streak that animates its protagonist, a hollow-eyed supervillain named Gru

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Steve Carell makes a cringe-worthy first impression in "Dinner for Schmucks."

(voiced by Steve Carell), is so deep and wide as to seem insurmountable. But the film turns into an improbably heartwarming, not to mention visually delightful, diversion. After another evildoer impresses the world by stealing the Great Pyramid of Giza, Gru looks for his big comeback and hits on the idea of stealing the moon. He adopts three sweet girls from an orphanage run by a sadistic Southern belle (Kristen Wiig), and, along with an army of tiny yellow "minions," begins to bring his plan into action. **A.H.**

DINNER FOR SCHMUCKS (PG-13, 109 minutes) This comedy of humiliation, starring Paul Rudd and Steve Carell, isn't nearly as off-putting as it might have been. Rudd plays Tim, an ambitious young executive desperate to impress his art-dealer girlfriend (Stephanie Szostak), who is invited by his icy boss (Bruce Greenwood) to attend one of his regular "dinners for idiots." Each guest is supposed to bring the most pathetic idiot he can find. When Tim literally collides with Barry (Carell), the game is afoot. Buck-toothed and goggle-eyed, Barry makes neurotically detailed tableaux with stuffed dead mice. Zach Galifianakis also stars. **A.H.**

FAREWELL (NR, 113 minutes) Director Christian Carion wisely tried to make this story about the 1983 bust of Soviet spies with the code name "Farewell" accessible by centering it on an ordinary man-turned-spy, but the intricate historical events still suffocate the film. The film begins in 1981 Moscow. U.S. and Soviet relations are ugly. A French family man named Pierre (Guillaume Canet) is spying on the Soviets for the French and U.S. governments. Pierre starts getting hotter information about what the Soviets know, such as codes to get into the White House, the layout of Air Force One and a list of Soviet spies working in the West. Pierre receives the intel from Sergei Grigoriev (Emir Kusturica), a KGB colonel who has become disenchanted with communism under Leonid Brezhnev. Pierre and Sergei have to play hide-and-seek from the KGB. **R.S.**

THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE (R, 129 minutes) In the second in a series of films based on Stieg Larsson's best-selling mysteries, we learn a bit more about Lisbeth Salander (Noomi Rapace), the computer hacker and avenging angel introduced in the first film. "Fire" manages to reveal more of the old hurts that drive her. Having used her high-tech skills to help her sometime lover, investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist (Mi-

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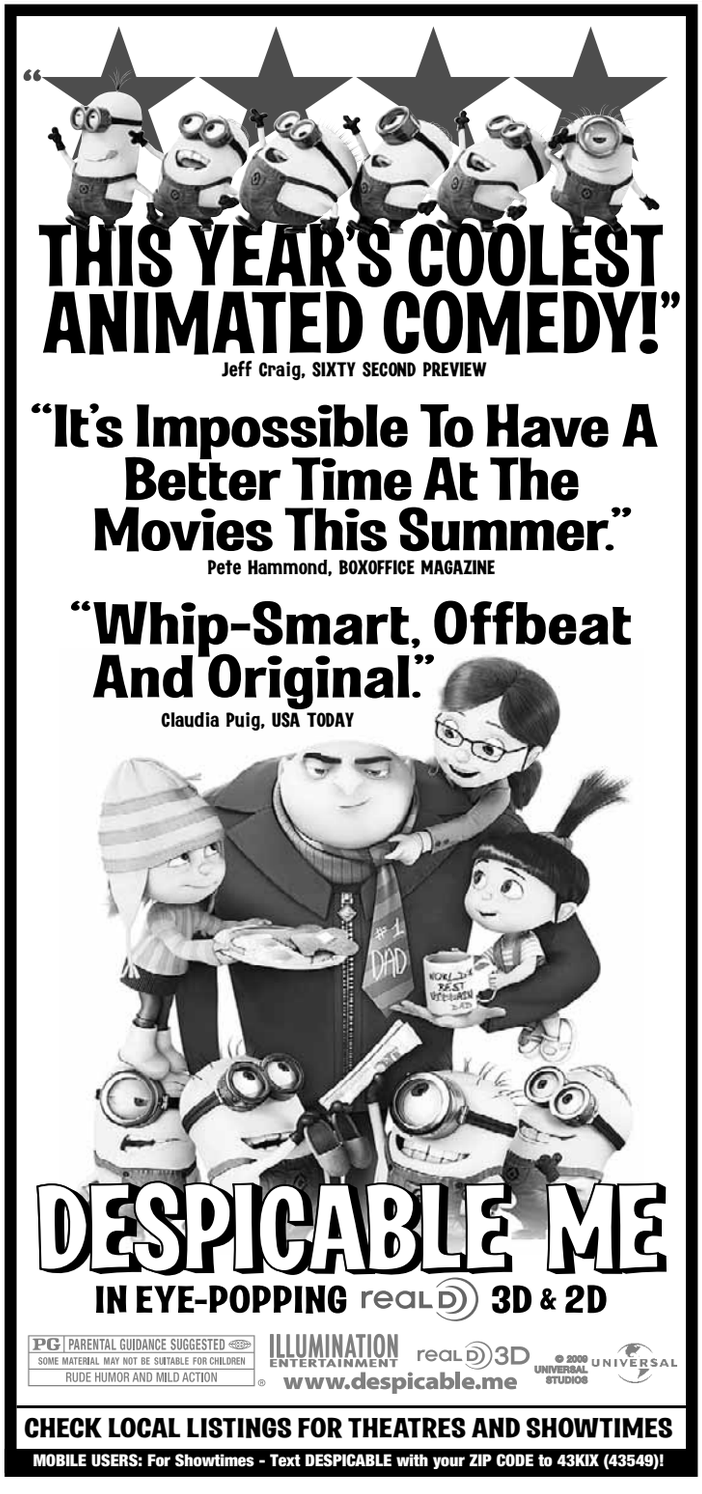

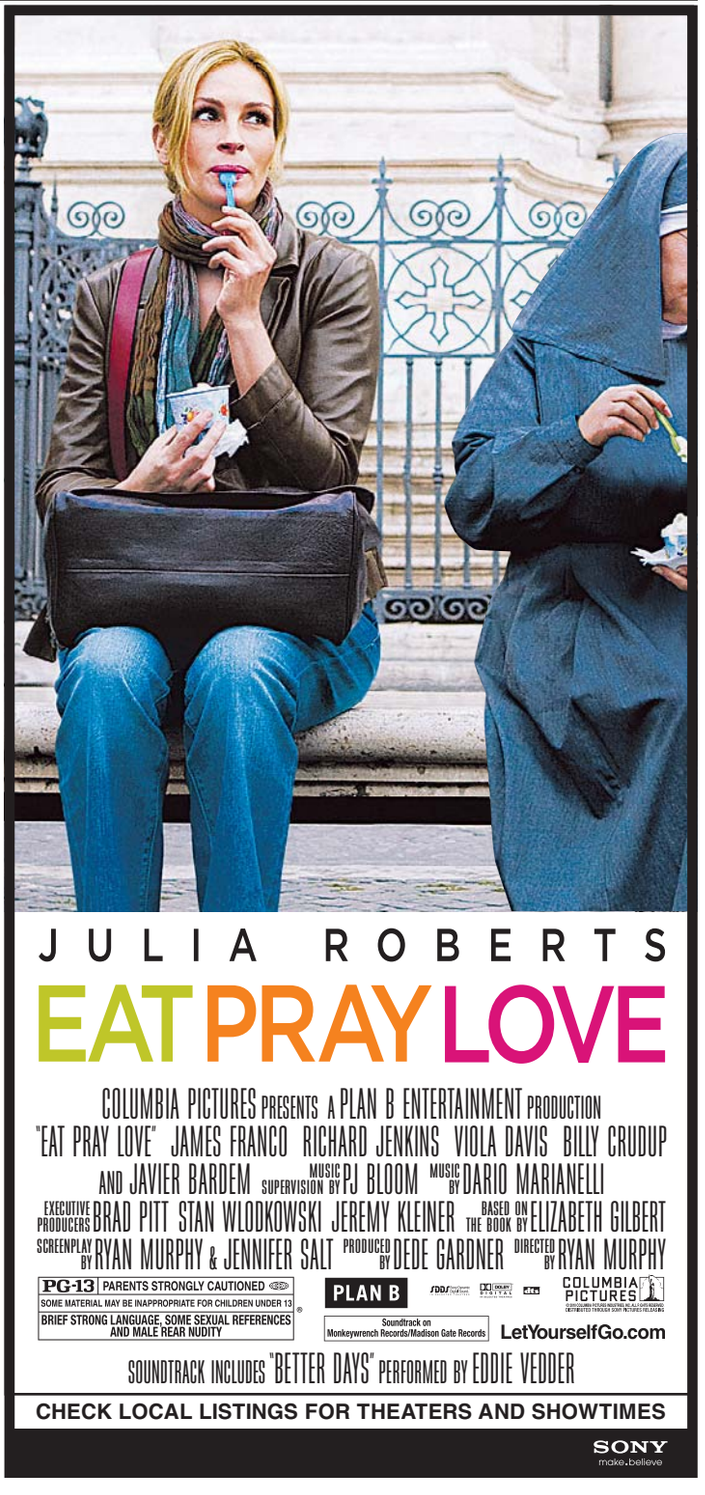

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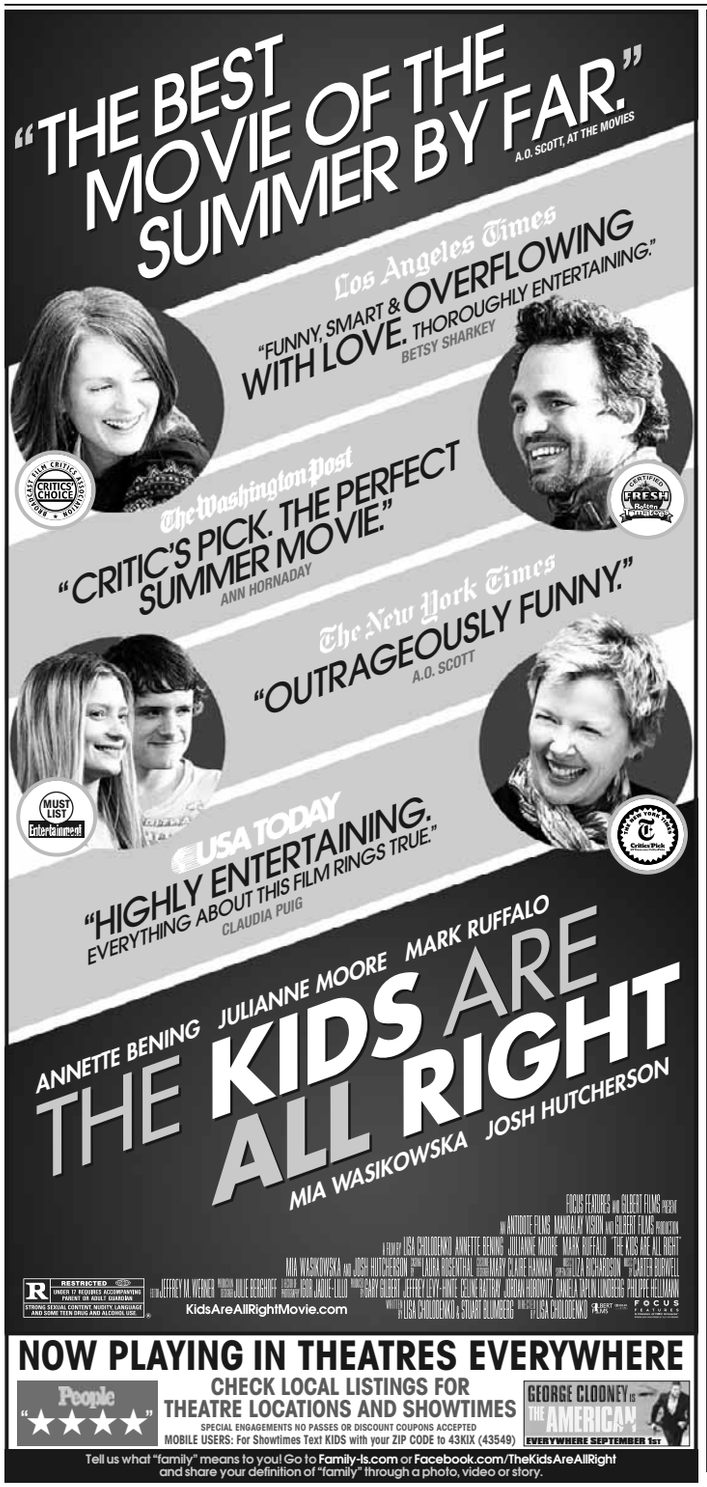
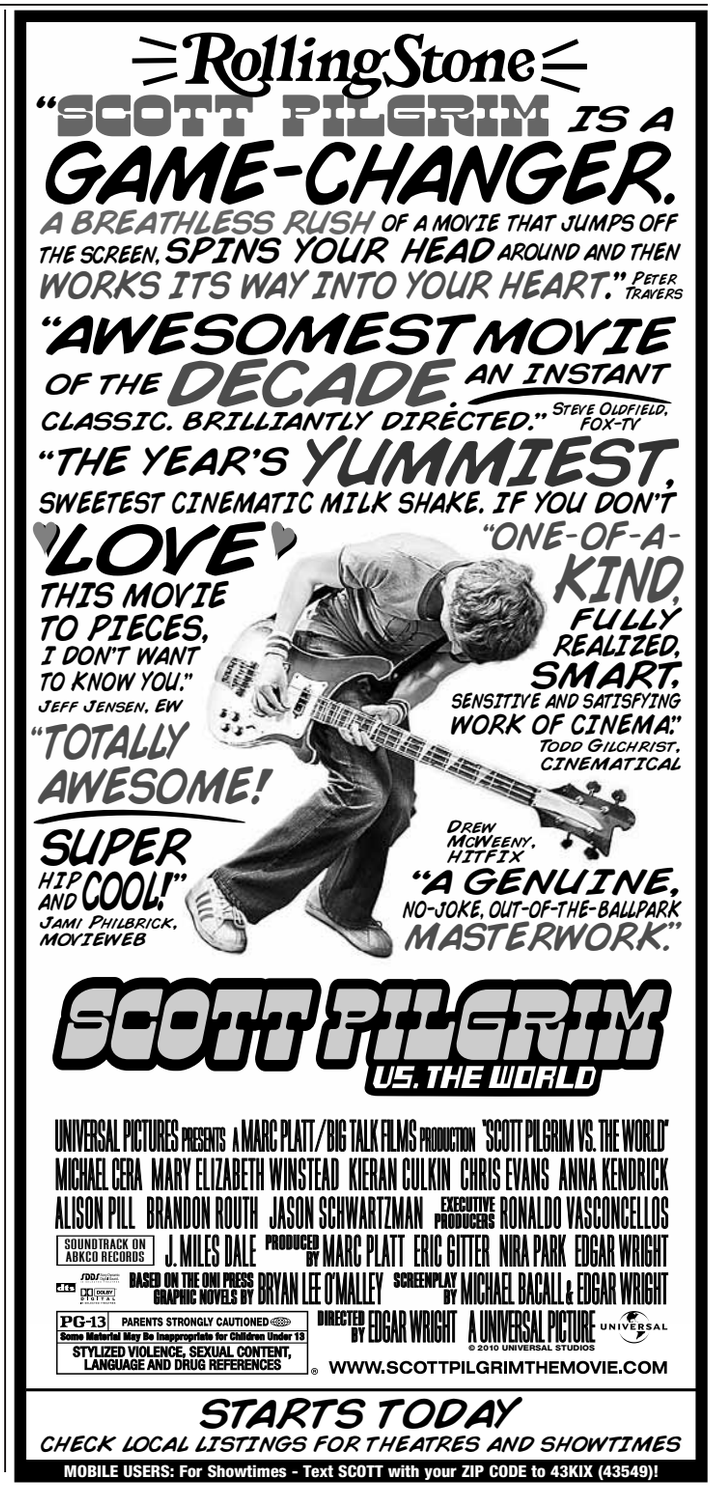
chael Nyqvist), solve an old murder, she has now fled Sweden, only to find that she has been implicated in a triple homicide, in which one of the victims is her parole officer. This pulls Lisbeth back into Mikael's orbit. But for much of the film, the two remain apart. **M.O.**

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO (Unrated, 152 minutes) At its simplest, this Swedish thriller based on the first in a series of three popular Stieg Larsson novels is the story of a 40-year-old missing-person investigation. Wealthy businessman Henrik Vanger (Sven-Bertil Taube) hires investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist (Michael Nyqvist) to find out what happened to Vanger's favorite niece, Harriet (Ewa Froeling), who is presumed to have been murdered. No sooner does Mikael start to poke around than he is joined by multiply-pierced computer hacker Lisbeth Salander (Noomi Rapace), the tattooed girl of the title. **M.O.**

INCEPTION (PG-13, 148 minutes) This highly anticipated science-fiction thriller by writer-director Christopher Nolan opens with a dramatic shot of huge waves breaking on a nameless shore. Dom Cobb (Leonardo DiCaprio) makes his living navigating the minds of other people, sharing their dreams and stealing ideas in an elaborate psychological gambit known as "extraction." Cobb has worked mostly with businesses engaged in super-complicated corporate espionage. But





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rather than steal an idea, a client named Saito (Ken Watanabe) hires Cobb to plant one in the mind of Robert Fischer (Cillian Murphy), the would-be heir to an energy conglomerate, in a process called "inception." **A.H.**

THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT (R, 106 minutes) This is the perfect midsummer movie, a comedy about a flawed-but-functional family. Eighteen-year-old Joni (Mia Wasikowska) and her little brother, Laser (Josh Hutcherson), are pretty typical teens growing up in Southern California today: They're good kids, even if they roll their eyes at their overprotective mother. Actually, make that mothers: Joni and Laser have two moms, one a doctor named Nic (Annette Bening), the other a dreamer named Jules (Julianne Moore). They've clearly formed a close

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Leonardo DiCaprio meddles in strangers' subconscious in "Inception."

family, which makes it all more disruptive when Laser persuades Joni to find their biological father. **A.H.**

THE OTHER GUYS (PG-13, 107 minutes) Steve Coogan brings a squirrelly charm to the role of David Ershon, a Bernie Madoff-style bad guy whose financial chicanery is the focus of the investigation in this comedy about a pair of wildly mismatched cops, played by Mark Wahlberg and Will Ferrell. As Allen Gamble, an embarrassingly nebbishy police accountant, Ferrell is the geeky yin to Wahlberg's hyper-macho yang, represented by Terry Hoitz, a disgraced former hot shot who has been exiled to desk duty after an accidental shooting. Gamble is Hoitz's punishment. And we're the ones who reap the rewards. The title itself presents Gamble and Hoitz as alternatives to even bigger jerks, played by Dwayne Johnson and Samuel L. Jackson. **M.O.**

RAMONA AND BEEZUS (G, 104 minutes) Ramona Quimby (Joey King) is 9 and has a real knack for getting into trouble. She's not trying to; it's just that she's brave and imaginative and sometimes things get a little out of hand, and the next thing you know, she's cracked a raw egg on her head on picture day. Her sister, Beezus (Selena Gomez), is in high school and is therefore exasperated by Ramona's antics, especially when the pest starts a kitchen fire just as a boy calls on the phone. "Ramona and Beezus," of course, is about how sisters love each other despite all the upsetting things that happen to them. **D.K.**

STEP UP 3D (PG-13, 107 minutes) Scrawny mop-top Moose (Adam Sevani), who reprises his role from "Step Up 2: Take It to the Streets," launches into the first dance sequence just minutes after the movie begins, with his parents dropping him and BFF Camille (Alyson Stoner returning as Camille from "Step Up 2") for freshman orientation at New York University. Moose has renounced what his dad calls "that dance thing" and declared engineering as his major. But before you can say graphing calculator, he follows a pair of gunmetal Nike high-tops that lead him into a battle with bad boy crew the Samurais. And thus he falls into a fantastical world of underground dance. Sevani's newfound dance family, a crew called the Pirates, live and train inside a vast warehouse known as the Vault, complete with padded walls for practicing running flips, a room of vintage boomboxes and a graffiti studio. **YLAN Q. MUI**

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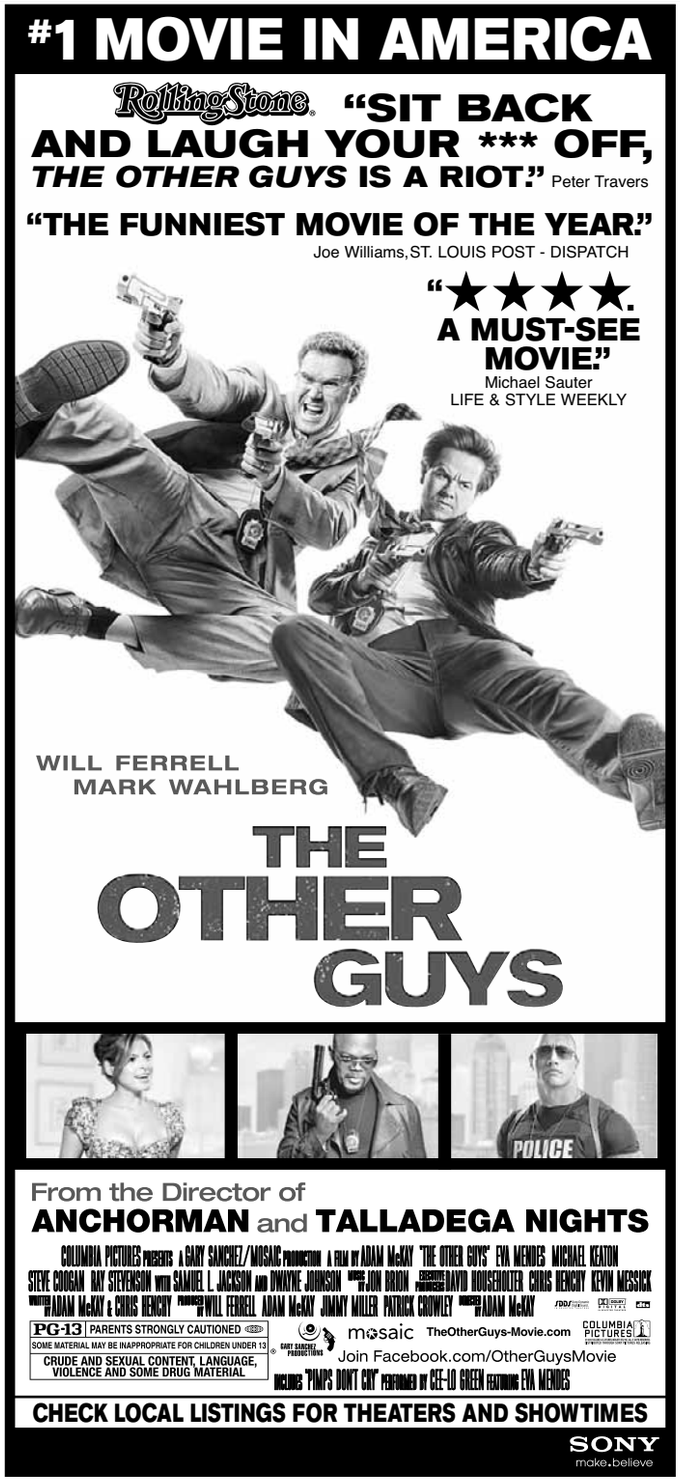

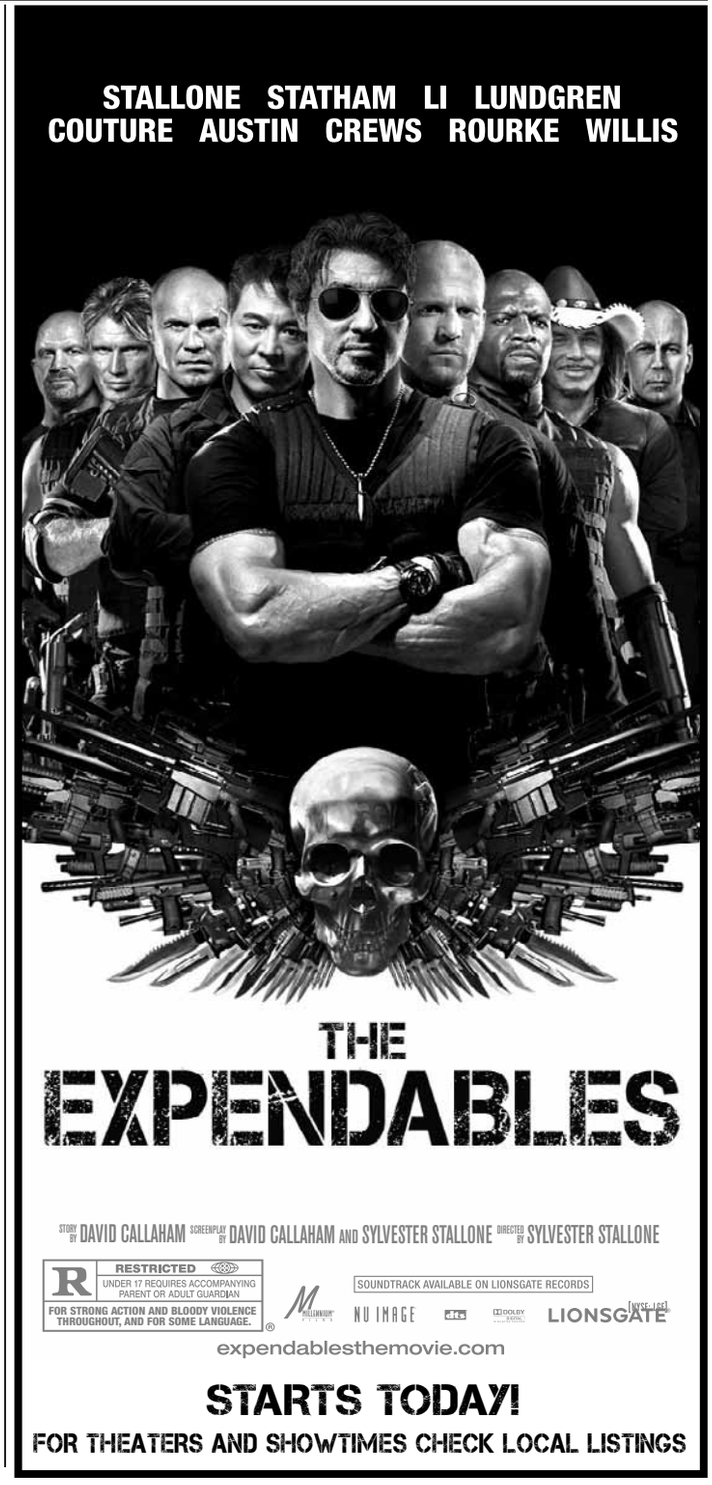

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top stops

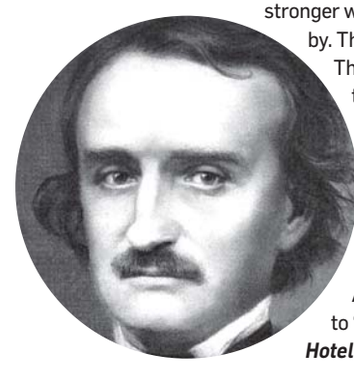
1 Full of Sound And Fury

Going all the way out to Virginia for theater seems crazy, especially when it's for Shakespeare — can't you just rent the movie? Nope. Push/Pull Theater Company's capoeira-accented production of "Macbeth" adds a new electricity to Shakespeare's most brutal ... no, that's "Lear" ... bloodiest ... nah, "Titus Andronicus" ... um ... shortest tragedy. ***1st Stage, 1524 Spring Hill Road, McLean, Va.; through Sun., $15; Pushpulltheatercompany.com.***

2 It's Working

People get very passionate about MGMT. Is it pronounced "Em-Gee-Em-Tee"? Or "the Management"? We like to call them "the Em-Gee-Em-Tee," because it makes us laugh that people actually get mad about this stuff. Oh, and it plays music too, psych-pop with a bit of an edge that you've probably already heard and critiqued for your friends while rubbing the bridge of your nose and cleaning your fake hipster glasses. ***Merriweather Post Pavilion, 10475 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia; Sat., 6 p.m., $25-$35; 877-435-9849, Merriweathermusic.com.***

3 Charm City



Summer is waning, so our determination to go to pool parties is getting stronger with each weekend that slips by. This weekend, Brightest Young Things' weekly pool party is themed around Baltimore, so bring your slim volumes of Edgar Allan Poe's poetry (since, after all, he's buried in Baltimore) and expect Baltimore DJs and giveaways of "The Wire." And (we hope) sing-alongs to "Hairspray." ***Capitol Skyline Hotel, 10 I St. SW; Sat., noon-8 p.m., $15; Brightestyoungthings.***

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Washington DC

Landmark Theatres

Landmark's E-Street Cinema — www.landmarktheatres.com

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THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT (R) (12:30, 2:00, 3:00, 4:30, 5:30)7:00, 8:00, 9:30, 10:30
THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE (R) (12:50, 3:40)6:30, 9:15
HEAVY METAL (R) 12:00 Midnight
RESTREPO (R) (12:15, 2:30, 5:00)7:30, 9:45
THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (R) 12:00 Midnight
ORLANDO (PG–13) (2:20, 4:50)7:20, 9:50, 12:00
LIFE DURING WARTIME (NR) (2:10)7:10
CYRUS (R) (4:40)9:40

The Avalon Theatre

The Avalon Theatre — www.theavalon.org

EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 11:15, 2:15, 5:15, 8:15
INCEPTION (PG–13) 1:15, 4:30, 7:45
RAMONA AND BEEZUS (G) 11:00 A.M.

AMC Theaters

AMC Loews Uptown — www.amctheatres.com

INCEPTION (PG–13) 12:45, 4:00, 7:20, 10:40

AMC Theaters

AMC Mazza Gallerie — www.amctheatres.com

EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 12:40, 3:50, 7:00, 10:10
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 12:00, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 11:40, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55
SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG–13) 12:10, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35
DINNER FOR SCHMUCKS (PG–13) 11:45, 2:25, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30
CATS & DOGS: THE REVENGE OF KITTY GALORE (PG) 10:10, 12:20
DESPICABLE ME (PG) 2:25, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30
SALT (PG–13) 10:05, 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:40, 10:05

AMC Theaters

AMC Loews Georgetown — www.amctheatres.com

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SALT (PG–13) 10:05, 11:05, 12:40, 1:40, 3:30, 4:30, 6:15, 7:15, 8:40, 9:40, 11:05, 12:05
GREASE SING-ALONG (PG–13) 8:35 P.M.
INCEPTION (PG–13) 10:30, 12:45, 1:45, 4:10, 5:00, 7:30, 8:30, 10:50, 11:40
DESPICABLE ME 3D (PG) 11:40, 2:00, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25, 11:50
IN DIGITAL 3-D

Regal Cinemas

Regal Gallery Place Stadium — www.regmovies.com

PIRANHA (R) Advance Tickets Available
LOTTERY TICKET (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG–13) 11:10, 2:00, 4:40, 7:20, 10:00, 12:30
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 11:00, 12:00, 1:35, 2:40, 4:10, 5:20, 7:00, 8:00, 9:40, 10:30, 12:15
STEP UP 3 (PG–13) 1:40, 9:30, 12:00
EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 12:40, 4:00, 7:10, 10:20
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DESPICABLE ME 3D (PG) 11:00, 1:20, 3:50, 6:30, 8:50, 11:10
TOY STORY 3 (G) 11:10, 4:05, 6:40

Virginia

Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse

Arlington — www.arlingtondrafthouse.com

GET HIM TO THE GREEK (R) 7:20 P.M.

Regal Potomac Yards

Alexandria — www.regmovies.com

EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 11:00, 12:50, 1:50, 3:55, 5:00, 7:10, 8:20, 10:25, 11:20
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THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 11:30 A.M.
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DESPICABLE ME (PG) 11:45, 2:10, 4:25, 6:45, 9:20
TOY STORY 3 (G) 11:05, 1:35
FREE FAMILY FILM FESTIVAL TUE & WED 10AM (NR)
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Regal Kingstowne Stadium

Alexandria — www.regmovies.com

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STEP UP 3 (PG–13) 12:30, 6:20
CHARLIE ST. CLOUD (PG–13) 3:10, 9:10
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DESPICABLE ME 3D (PG) 1:10, 4:20, 7:10, 9:50

Regal Ballston Common Stadium

Arlington — www.regmovies.com

PIRANHA (R) Advance Tickets Available
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 1:20, 2:40, 3:50, 5:10, 7:00, 7:50, 9:30, 10:30
SCOTT PILGRIM VS. THE WORLD (PG–13) 2:30, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
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CATS & DOGS: THE REVENGE OF KITTY GALORE 3D (PG) 3:00, 5:30, 7:45, 10:00
THE SORCERER'S APPRENTICE (PG) 3:10, 6:10, 8:50
PREDATORS (R) 1:50, 4:30, 7:30, 10:05
DESPICABLE ME 3D (PG) 1:00, 3:20, 5:40, 8:10, 10:35
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THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG–13) 1:10, 4:00, 7:20, 10:10
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AMC Theatres Courthouse Plaza

Arlington — www.amctheatres.com

EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 12:00, 1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 6:10, 7:20, 9:30, 10:30
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TOY STORY 3 (G) 1:10, 3:30
INCEPTION (PG–13) 12:20, 3:40, 6:00, 7:00, 9:10, 10:10

Old Town Theatre

Alexandria — www.oldtowntheatre.com

THE EXPENDABLES (R) 5:00, 7:30, 10:00
INCEPTION (PG–13) 4:30, 7:30, 10:00

AMC Theatres Hoffman Center

Alexandria — www.amctheatres.com

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PREDATORS (R) 11:30 P.M.
DESPICABLE ME 3D (PG) 10:30, 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:20
IN DIGITAL 3-D
THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE (PG–13) 11:45, 2:55, 6:40, 9:50
THE LAST AIRBENDER (PG) 2:45, 8:35

Maryland

AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center

Silver Spring — www.afi.com/silver

THE KIDS ARE ALL RIGHT (R) 12:20, 2:35, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25
THE GIRL WHO PLAYED WITH FIRE (R) 12:30, 3:05, 5:45, 8:30
CITY LIGHTS (G) 4:30 P.M.
THE GREEN ROOM (PG) 6:30 P.M.
FERRIS BUELLER'S DAY OFF (PG–13) 8:45, 11:05
FRIDAY THE 13TH: THE FINAL CHAPTER (R) 11:00 P.M.

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema

Bethesda — www.landmarktheatres.com

GET LOW (PG–13) (2:00, 4:30)7:00, 9:30
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AGORA (NR) (1:25, 4:25)7:10, 9:50
COCO CHANEL & IGOR STRAVINSKY (R) (1:20, 4:05)6:45, 9:25
THE CONCERT (PG–13) (1:05, 3:30)6:15, 9:00
I AM LOVE (R) (1:10, 3:50)6:55, 9:35
FAREWELL (NR) (3:45)9:15

AMC Loews Center Park

Beltsville — www.amctheatres.com

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DESPICABLE ME (PG) 12:15, 2:45, 5:00, 7:20, 9:45

AMC Loews White Flint

Kensington — www.amctheatres.com

EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 9:40, 12:45, 4:00, 7:15, 10:20
THE OTHER GUYS (PG–13) 9:25, 12:00, 2:35, 5:10, 7:45, 10:35
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AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center

Largo — www.amctheatres.com

EAT PRAY LOVE (PG–13) 12:10, 3:45, 7:05, 10:25
THE EXPENDABLES (R) 10:00, 11:20, 1:00, 2:00, 3:50, 4:50, 6:40, 7:40, 9:30, 10:30, 12:10, 1:00
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Regal Bethesda

Bethesda — www.regmovies.com

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Regal Majestic Cinema

Silver Spring — www.regmovies.com

PIRANHA (R) Advance Tickets Available
LOTTERY TICKET (PG–13) Advance Tickets Available
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SALT (PG–13) 11:10, 11:40, 1:25, 2:10, 3:50, 4:35, 6:25, 7:00, 8:45, 9:35, 11:25, 12:05
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TV weekend lookout

The Stuff of Nightmares

'Cropsey' examines whether there's any truth to a grisly tale

Documentary

FRI 9:00 Combining the homemade, handheld production values of "The Blair Witch Project" with extensive news footage, the Investigation Discovery documentary "Cropsey" unfolds like a creepy thriller. And before it's over, you'll be hoping it was based on mere fantasy and not lurid facts.

For decades, Boy Scouts and other kids on Staten Island scared themselves silly with tales of "Cropsey," a legendary man/creature who stole children and dragged them into the woods. The Cropsey legend centered on an old scout camp and several abandoned asylums, home to rumored underground tunnels, a perfect hiding place for a monster.

Then, beginning in the early 1970s, children and teenagers — many of them mentally disabled — began vanishing. As anguished parents assembled search parties and media descended on the story, the legend of Cropsey only grew.

Myth met reality when a drifter named Andre Rand, who had worked at a local asylum, was arrested in the murder of one of the children. When her body was discovered buried near his ramshackle campsite, many believed they had found their monster.

"Cropsey" follows the story over several decades, often in the meandering and frustrating pattern of a wild goose chase. It's never terribly clear where most of "Cropsey" is really leading, except to one creepy place after another.

But isn't that what ghost hunts are all about? KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

STATEN ISLAND ADVANCE/TONY CARANNANTE

Police search for a person who vanished on Staten Island in a clip from "Cropsey."

Best Bets

FRI 8:00 **Wife Swap** (ABC) A high-energy metropolitan couple who imitate superheroes experience a swap with a family of hard-nosed realists who are hyper-protective of their children.

SUN 8:00 **Extreme Makeover: Home Edition** (ABC) KISS joins Ty Pennington and his team as they travel to Gainesville, Fla., to rebuild a home for Tobin and Jill Wagstaff, who poured money into a community project but have little to repair their rotting home.

SUN 10:00 **Mad Men** (AMC) Pete (Vincent Kartheiser) finds himself on the horns of a personal dilemma, thanks to an edict from Roger and Lane (John Slattery and Jared Harris) — not that ethical crises are unheard of in the advertising game.

SUN 10:00 **The Great Food Truck Race** (FOOD) Tyler Florence, right, hosts this high-energy new game show in which seven gourmet chefs with mobile kitchens travel the country and try to persuade Americans to sample their wares, with the ultimate winner taking home $50,000. (EXPRESS/TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Roast

Jump on His Bandwagon

The Hoff gets hassled in the "Comedy Central Roast of David Hasselhoff" (10 p.m. Sunday on Comedy Central). Celebrity roasters include Pamela Anderson, Hulk Hogan and Jerry Springer. An "interactive viewing party," featuring comedians cracking jokes about the roast live on Twitter, will occur simultaneously. (EXPRESS)

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Thursday's Results

SHOULD ROBERT GIBBS STEP DOWN AS WHITE HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY?

"This is about the only position in the executive branch that cannot damage the public with a doofus in charge."

COMMENTER ACROSS THE RIVER

"Not at all. Just like we had Bush for amusement, we need Gibbs."

COMMENTER COMMON KEVIN

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Blog Log

"FRANKLY, IT'S PRECISELY the sort of memory-lane stroll, thick with satisfying covers, that would have packed arenas full of 'American Idol' lovers in the months immediately after Ruben [Studdard] bested Clay [Aiken] by a still-disputed 130,000 votes."

— **SOUNDCHECK.OCREGISTER.COM** ENJOYED THE TWO'S TIMELESS TOUR, A NEW MUSICAL STAGE SHOW.

"What will haunt Mike Huckabee more in a Republican primary, the murderer he pardoned or this[?] Huckabee dismissed calls from within the Republican Party to change the part of the 14th Amendment that automatically gives citizenship to children born in the United States."

— **THEDAILYBEAST.COM/CHEAT-SHEET** ISN'T QUITE SURE HOW THE FORMER ARKANSAS GOVERNOR WILL DO IN THE POLLS AFTER HIS LIBERAL-LEANING STATEMENT ON NPR.

"For a woman and a sports fan, this is appalling. How terrible a commentator is Dibble if he can't find something to talk about in a baseball game besides lobbing misogynistic softballs at female fans?"

— A COMMENTER AT **VOICES.WASHINGTONPOST.COM/DCSPORTSBOG** LAMENTS HEARING MASN NATIONALS ANALYST ROB DIBBLE REFER DISPARAGINGLY TO A GROUP OF WOMEN SITTING BEHIND THE PLATE AT WEDNESDAY'S GAME AGAINST THE MARLINS.

ECZEMA

Eczema Skin Study in Children

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Horoscope

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Image and substance can be combined quite effectively, but you mustn't let your critics start you on a spiral of doubt.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You may find yourself fixing things left and right. What's the story? Could you be the cause of so many malfunctions somehow?

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Others are expecting you to be Johnny-on-the-spot, but you may not understand what you are expected to do. Be sure to ask.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Someone you've been trying to elude comes close to tracking you down — and you'll have reason to alter your course again.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A friendly game of hide-and-seek becomes something much more serious — and even dangerous — before the day is out. Use care.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Political differences between you and a rival reach the boiling point perhaps, but you'll know how to maintain control.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A fleeting idea comes back to you and demands more attention — and once you give it, you'll realize you're onto something rather big.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Someone close to you has something important to say, but he or she may be speaking in code for some reason. Patience yields comprehension.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Just when you think you're ready to move on to something bigger and better, circumstances require you to take a step or two backward.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You can find the silver lining in any cloud; this will come in handy for you and others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may be enjoying yourself at this time, but are you just repeating yourself, doing the same things over and over again? Try something new.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You can put a new spin on an old way of doing things and maximize both pleasure and profit before the day is out. Others want your recipe.

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Scrabble Grams

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								RACK 1
A1	I1	N1	N1	W4	G2	M3		
								RACK 2
A1	A1	E1	T1	N1	P3	S1	1st Letter Triple	
								RACK 3
A1	U1	S1	S1	H4	M3	P3	Double Word Score	
								RACK 4
A1	A1	I1	T1	K5	C3	T1		

Yesterday's Solution

S1	U1	B3	I1	D2	E1	A1	RACK 1 =	70
B3	E1	D2	L1	E1	S1	S1	RACK 2 =	64
P3	S1	Y4	C3	H4	O1		RACK 3 =	16
I1	N1	S1	U1	L1	T1	S1	RACK 4 =	57
PAR SCORE 150-160							TOTAL	207

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

			9				5	
9			1			8		
	8	3				2		
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Yesterday's Solution

4	8	6	1	7	2	9	5	3
7	2	9	4	3	5	6	8	1
5	1	3	9	8	6	4	2	7
1	4	7	5	2	3	8	6	9
3	5	8	7	6	9	2	1	4
9	6	2	8	1	4	7	3	5
6	7	4	3	5	8	1	9	2
8	3	1	2	9	7	5	4	6
2	9	5	6	4	1	3	7	8

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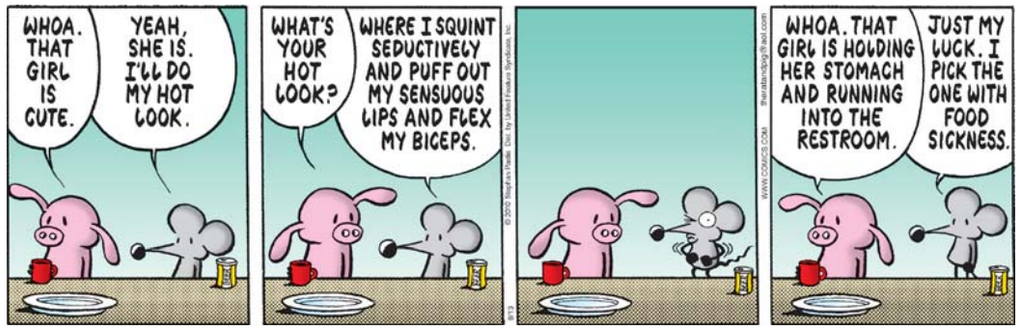

Forecast

84 | 72

Today: Humid today with a shower or thunderstorm. Mostly cloudy tonight.

86 | 72

Tomorrow: Clouds breaking for some sun tomorrow. Mostly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
86 | 74	87 | 74	87 | 73

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 6:20 a.m.
Sunset today: 8:06 p.m.
Moonrise today: 10:37 a.m.
Moonset today: 9:54 p.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 87
Record high: 99
Normal low: 69
Record low: 55

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Crossword

GROUND LEVEL

ACROSS

1 Sugar units
6 Defame
11 Half a ballroom dance
14 Person born on the largest continent
15 Exorcist's adversary
16 Ducked the seeker
17 Emulate a 23-Down
19 Street of horror films
20 Melodious composition
21 Dodge
23 Sonnet sections
26 James Clavell best-seller
27 Suitors
28 "Physical" singer Newton-John
30 Mythical fertility goddess
31 Grassy plain of Latin America
32 Massage facility
35 Nothing at all
36 One buying a round
38 Disruptive noise
39 Dallas-to-Memphis dir.
40 Bob's partner?
41 Darken, as a windshield
42 Tends to a dry stamp pad
44 Few and far between
46 Shop without buying
48 Stone artifacts
49 Turn back to zero
50 Small sea bird
52 Geisha's waist wrap
53 Microseism
58 Blood typing letters
59 Thick-skinned mammal
60 Birdbrained
61 ___ mother (Cub Scout leader)
62 Long stories
63 Computer drive insert

DOWN

1 Murphy has one
2 Abbr. in a Springsteen album title
3 One thousandth of an inch
4 Tasting sensibilities
5 One who sleeps soundly?
6 Parting word south of the border
7 Franklin and Affleck
8 Target practice need
9 Five centimes in old France
10 Undertaking
11 Incredibly inexpensive
12 "Broom-___" (comic strip)
13 Clio hopefuls
18 They're best kept about you
22 Seven on a sundial
23 Trough diner
24 Red dye used in a biology lab
25 Degradation of a sort
26 Pitchfork point
28 Five kings of Norway
29 "Better ___ than never"
31 Air mattress problem
33 Press tightly between the fingers
34 Primes the poker pot
36 Tornadoes
37 Surrealist painter Magritte
41 Very last segment
43 Lamb's ma'am
44 Separate, as laundry
45 Layperson's counterpart
46 Like some shoulders
47 Hasidic spiritual leader
48 Distinctive beliefs of a people
50 Overly proper type
51 Destructive peak in Sicily
54 "I suspected as much!"
55 Mutilate
56 Certain rock legend's widow
57 Sleep phenomenon, for short

Yesterday's Solution

R	A	G	E		I	N	A	P	T		P	A	S	S
O	N	Y	X		K	O	R	E	A		R	O	U	T
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B	A	N	G	F	O	R	Y	O	U	R	B	U	C	K
A	N	N	A		A	G	N	E	S		A	L	O	E
A	G	O	G		D	E	E	R	E		R	E	N	D

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Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

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		5						
7	1						5	
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6			5		7			2
	2		1		8		3	
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			7			1		
							4	7
				3		5		

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			3			4	9	1

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Last Week's Solution

1	4	5	7	8	9	2	6	3
6	8	9	2	3	5	4	1	7
2	3	7	1	4	6	5	9	8
9	2	6	5	7	8	3	4	1
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8	4	9	2	7	6	5	1	3
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9	4	7	1	3	2	6	1	8

Today in History

1961 Berlin is divided as East Germany seals off the border between the city's eastern and western sectors and began building a wall.

1989 Searchers in Ethiopia find the wreckage of a plane that had disappeared almost a week earlier while carrying Texas Congressman Mickey Leland and 14 others — there were no survivors.

2009 The Philadelphia Eagles sign Michael Vick to a one-year deal, prompting criticism from animal rights activists over his role in a dogfighting ring.

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ADVICE

Diploma, Maybe. Clothes on, Never!

Levi Johnston's upcoming reality show — "Loving Levi: The Road to the Mayor's Office" — will supposedly feature him running for office in Wasilla, Alaska. But the town's current mayor, Verne Rupright, isn't up for reelection until October 2011. "My advice would be get your high-school diploma and keep your clothes on; voters like it," said Rupright in an interview with the Daily Beast. (EXPRESS)

FIRINGS

Her Severance Package Had Better Be Great

Kara DioGuardi found out she'd been fired from "American Idol" the same way we did: She saw it on the news, her father, Joe DioGuardi, said on "Capital Tonight," a New York State TV show. "Would you believe that she did not hear and still has not heard anything?" Her fame bore fruit for Dad, though: "People now know how to pronounce my name and spell it." (EXPRESS)

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Names we can't spell without help: DioGuardi, Giudice, Bieber, Snooki.

Victims

Appraisers Are Just So Tacky!

New Jersey Real Housewife Teresa Giudice's possessions aren't worth much, according to papers obtained by Radaronline.com. Documents filed in New Jersey Bankruptcy Court by an appraiser valued her and her husband's belongings at about $51,000. The saleable items are presently scheduled to be auctioned Aug. 22. (EXPRESS)

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Paris Hilton poses as ... who is it ... begins with M ... Morgan? Marion? Marge?

BLONDES

That Faux Is Fake!

Paris Hilton was sued Wednesday for allegedly wearing someone else's hair. A company that manufactures hair extensions claimed the 29-year-old socialite breached her contract to wear and promote their product when she sported the fake locks of a competitor in 2008. Hairtech International Inc. is seeking $35 million in damages — 10 times what she was apparently paid under the contract. The fraud and breach-of-contract suit cites the heiress' partying as contrary to Hairtech's marketing campaign. (AP)

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Fantasia Barrino could be sued for "husband stealing" under North Carolina law, Barrino's lawyer told TMZ.com. Barrino was allegedly involved with a married man, whose wife's divorce papers cite their affair. The laws "arise out of the notion that women were once property," said attorney Gena Graham Morris. "It is a comical irony that in 2010 women can sue women for stealing husbands." (EXPRESS)

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